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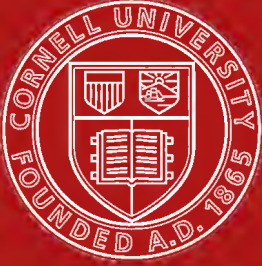


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BIRDSEYE VIEW OF DERUYTER FROM PARSONS HILL.
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DESCRIPTION OF DERUYTER,

BY REV. L. R. SWINNEY.

ALTHOUGH a small village of scarce seven hundred inhabitants, DeRuyter is widely known for its healthful location, its educational advantages and for the large number of men and women who have gone forth and become distinguished in the various callings in life. The

over the peaceful valley below. The village is 122 miles west of the capital, on the Albany turnpike, 20 miles east of Cortland and 14 miles south of Cazenovia, and charmingly situated in the midst of green valleys and forest covered hills. According to the surveys of Gov. A. B.

Cornell, DeRuyter is 1800 feet above the sea level. The location of the village at the confluence of the four valleys, early made DeRuyter a center of trade and the railroad, forming a part of the "old Midland," running east and west, and the Cazenovia branch running north and south and now forming part of the Lehigh Valley system, furnish excellent facilities for trade and travel. DeRuyter has one of the best water systems in the state. Natural springs in a park-like enclosure of 50 acres, two miles east and 285 feet above the street level, furnish abundance of pure soft water and at a pressure sufficient to throw it far above the highest building. It is a gratifying fact that the rentals from hydrants pay enough to cover the interest on the water bonds and all expenses and yield a handsome balance towards other corporation expenses. DeRuyter is favored also with a plant for the manufacture of illuminating gas, which furnishes light at a very low cost. For many years the heavy bonds of the insolvent Midland railroad hung like a cloud over the prosperity of the town, but since their adjustment in 1887 a new



ADMIRAL DERUYTER, DUTCH NAVY.

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village is pleasantly situated at the confluence of four valleys from the four cardinal points, forming a wide-sweeping and well-drained site for an inland town. Through the midst of this plain flows the east branch of the Tioughnioga, which, according to one tradition, meant in the Indian tongue "a bank of flowers." It is surrounded by rugged and lofty hills which stand as sentinels

spirit of improvement has come over its people, old buildings have been removed, new and elegant ones erected and a commendable competition arisen to adorn and beautify the village. A marked improvement has recently been made in the solid stone side and cross walks and in macadamizing the streets, until there are few villages in which pedestrians get about with more comfort.

HISTORICAL OF DERUYTER.

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DeRuyter previous to 1795 was included in the ancient town of Whitestown, and formed a part of the famous "Lincklaen purchase." It was embraced in Cazenovia when that town was formed in 1795, and Col. John Lincklaen gave it the name of Trompstown; but when an act was passed by the Legislature, March 15, 1798, authorizing the formation of a new town, Col. Lincklaen named it DeRuyter, after his illustrious countryman. At an early date Col. Lincklaen opened two roads through his tract known as the east and west roads. The west road was laid out first and extended south from Cazenovia—Col. Lincklaen's home—all the way to German. The east road passed due south from Cazenovia over Crumb Hill,

the people on horseback and with ox teams had to be accommodated in some way, hence the log tavern sprung up, then the little store, then the rude shop at the four corners. In 1805 DeRuyter village could boast of six log houses and formed a rude hamlet around the four corners. In 1809 the village had a tavern kept by Daniel Page, where the Taber House now stands, and a store on the southwest corner kept by Eli Spear, and both of these were frame buildings. A small saw mill stood where the mill of H. K. Nash was recently burned, and a potash was located on the southeast side. It is said that Daniel Watson built the first frame dwelling in the village. The first tannery was started by Ephraim Arnold. The large tannery built by Benjamin Mitchell and Job Webbs back of the Merchant block, did a thriving business, and another was located later below the Hay,



POINTS OF INTEREST, VICINITY OF DERUYTER.

1.—Tioughnioga Lake (Benjamin, Photo). 2.—Pleasant Lake, Lincklaen (I. B. Swinney, Photo). 3.—Old Angell Mill, DeRuyter (I. B. Swinney, Photo). 4.—Taylor Gulf, Cincinnati (G. A. White, Photo). 5.—Snow Tunnel, DeRuyter (Fiske, Photo). 6.—Home of Methodism—deserted chapel, now on the Burdick farm, used as hay barn (L. Adelia Nichols, Photo). 7.—Boyhood Home of Ezra Cornell, founder of Cornell College (L. Adelia Nichols, Photo).

directly in front of the boyhood home of Ezra Cornell, and has long been known as the "Joe Road," from Joseph Lincklaen's messenger who did so much of the work. As they cut down the primeval forest and cleared away the matted underbrush of the west road, they halted at the confluence of three streams which the Indians called Tioughnioga, said by one tradition to denote "the meeting of roads and waters at the same place," which was the natural and favorable site for the village of DeRuyter. When later the east and west road was built over Crumb Hill and extended to Truxton and Homer, DeRuyter was at the intersection of the two important lines of travel. "Burdick Settlement," near the reservoir, then had much the start and "The Benjamin Settlement," a mile and a half north, was already the scene of activity and primitive manufactures. The rush to the "new country" was constant and

shop on the river. Col. E. D. Jenks kept a flourishing store from 1814 to 1860. Dr. Hubbard Smith was the first, and for many years, the only physician and was followed by an able company of practitioners. He was the first postmaster, in 1810, and afterwards built the house now owned by Mrs. Angeline Cottrell, which was used as the "boarding house" in the palmy days of DeRuyter institute. The first school house built in the village, and for many years the only one, was erected in 1812 and was the humble beginning, with the Burdick school, of its educational fame. For "the schools of DeRuyter have always been her glory and her strength. They have nurtured and sent forth into the world a class of distinguished and highly endowed spirits." In 1797 there was a Baptist organization meeting in the schoolhouse and the first church was built in 1816, on the east side of the stream, "without paint or

steeple " and is now occupied by Mrs. Sweetland for a residence. In 1830 DeRuyter was very prosperous owing to the public spirit of its leading men. The first railroad meeting held in Madison county, or in the contiguous parts of Onondaga, Cortland or Chenango counties, was held at the hotel of T. C. Nye in DeRuyter in 1832. The leading men of Central N. Y. were present and Judge Yates presided and was the master spirit, but his death soon after broke up their plans of railroad connection to Albany. A great enthusiasm also was aroused for education in the founding of DeRuyter institute in 1836—students coming from far and near, families moving into the village, new stores being opened and business increasing till eleven drygoods stores did a good

not a few suffered in rebel prisons and a few are left to recount the hardships of camp and battlefield. The building of the "Midland" railroad through DeRuyter and the heavy bonding of the town and corporation eventually brought financial difficulties, but the "Adjustment" of 1887 relieved this anxiety and the corporation is now paying off its debts and trade and prosperity are coming back to the village. DeRuyter village was first incorporated April 15, 1833, and again in the years 1847 and 1878, and has an efficient health board and an effective fire department. More than a century has passed since DeRuyter village was first located in the charming valley of the Tioughnioga and its century of successes and failures have made their impress upon three generations of noble men and women. Worthy sons and daughters have grown up, and many of them enjoyed the excellent advantages of its schools and went out to do larger work and receive the larger honors and rewards that followed. Many more remained at home to follow the quiet round of labors and sufferings, and to them should be given the honor largely for what DeRuyter has been and is.



THE BUILDERS OF DERUYTER.

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business. In the financial crisis of 1837 DeRuyter suffered heavily and many merchants and business men had to go down, but the soil remained just as fertile and the flocks and dairies again multiplied, bringing returning prosperity to the village. In the anxious days preceding the Civil War DeRuyter was a principal station on what was called "The Underground Railroad" for the rescue and helping forward of the slaves to the free soil of Canada. The Friends were always advocates of freedom and many others were sympathizers of the fugitive slaves and did all they could to send them north to safety and liberty. During the great Rebellion DeRuyter furnished a noble band who fought under the Stars and Stripes, many of whom died for their country,

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DeRuyter's Distinguished Sons—

The early settlers of the town and village were of New England origin, with their zeal for education, and DeRuyter from its beginning has been conspicuous as an educational center. David Maine was a noble teacher, who trained the youth at the "Burdick school," near the reservoir, and Paul Chase, a rare educator in DeRuyter and elsewhere, with many others, were conspicuous as teachers in those early days and prepared the way for the educational facilities that were to follow. The DeRuyter institute inaugurated by the Seventh Day Baptists and heartily patronized by the Presbyterians, Friends and others, was

founded in 1836, and has done a marvelous work for higher education through all this country. Is it then to be wondered at, that DeRuyter should have sent forth so many who have distinguished themselves—Ezra Cornell, the founder of Cornell University; Gen. Ladock T. Bently, jurist and lawyer; David J. Mitchell, lawyer; P. A. Burdick, temperance orator and evangelist; Hon. John F. Benjamin, M. C., of Missouri; Hon. Henry C. Goodwiliu, M. C., N. Y.; Hon. James W. Nye, U. S. Senator, Nevada; Henry D. Maine, editor of The Rochester Democrat and Chronicle; Lyman J. Gage, Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C.; Benjamin Enos, Canal Commissioner and Treasurer, New York State, and many, many others.

Tioughnioga Lake and Early Settlers—Although this little lake is an artificial one, it successfully vies in beauty with any of the numerous lakelets which adorn the landscape of northern and central New York. The deep valley in which it is ensconced, the splendid range of hills which rises abruptly from its western edge, the more undulating character of the hilly region on its eastern shore, the picturesque gorge through which its waters flow northward; as well as the fine farming country stretching southward to the village of DeRuyter, all contribute to make this sheet of water most charming. It is difficult to

Prior to 1861-2, when this lake was constructed as a storage reservoir for the supply of the Erie canal, its bed and shores were parcelled out into many farms. Near its southwest corner, one of the earliest settlers in this part of the state—Eli Colegrove—located in 1793. During the same year Elias, Chester and Elijah Benjamin settled within the present limits of the town; and it was the boast of Mrs. Colegrove that she and Mrs. Elijah Benjamin were the first white women to live within the present boundaries of DeRuyter. The Colegrove farm at an early day passed into the ownership of Bradley Merchant, who settled



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PRETTY STREETS OF DERUYTER.

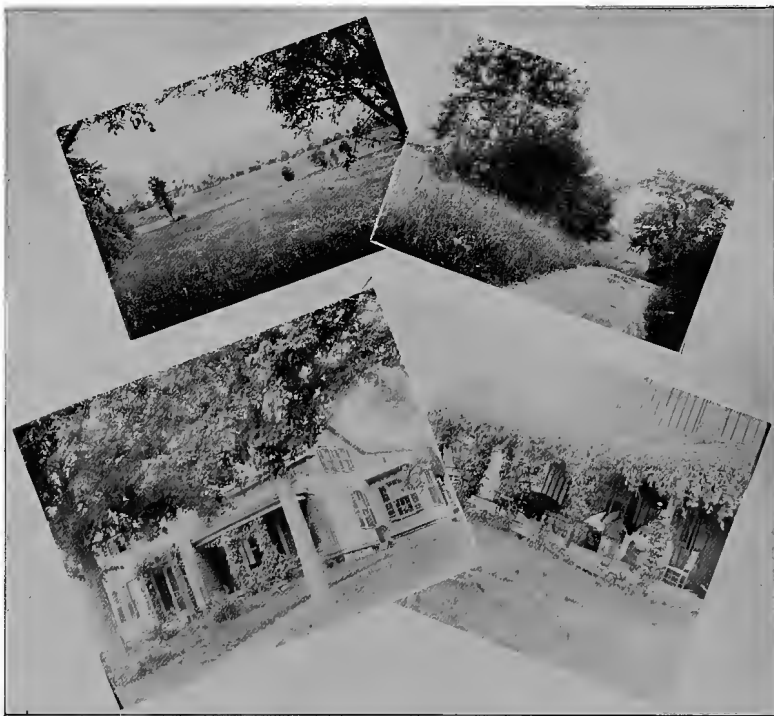
Albany Street. Lincklaen Street.
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find a more delightful drive in the Empire State than that from DeRuyter village around this gem of a lake—a distance of about eleven miles. The lake is nearly two miles in length; about three-quarters of a mile across in its widest part, and covers nearly 630 acres. The average depth of the water is 18½ feet, although at the center of the dam, it has a depth of over 70 feet. The lake affords excellent fishing and boating and has begun to attract not only picnic excursionists but permanent summer boarders as well. There is no reason why it should not develop into a popular summer resort.

near by soon after 1800, and whose son, Benjamin F. Merchant, continues to occupy it with several other primitive holdings, which he has brought together into a large landed estate. Two other sons of Bradley, J. Warren and M. R. Merchant, were for many years leading business men of DeRuyter village. The former was also prominent in local and state politics and affairs, holding the offices of supervisor and member of assembly, as well as being director of the Midland Railroad company. In 1794, Thompson Burdick, at the age of twenty-three, made a trip on horseback from Westerly, R. I., and contracted for upwards

of one hundred and seventy acres to the south and east of the lake. He made a small clearing in the forest, and sowed some winter wheat, before returning to his native state; and the following year, with his young bride, settled upon his new farm. They had made the journey in true immigrant style, with oxen, horses, cows and household goods; the trip occupying about six weeks, and the last stage of it from Oneida, being unusually arduous, as no road had been constructed and they were forced to find their way through the forests by means of blazed trees. Their primitive log cabin was built near a bountiful spring on the west side of the present highway, and not far from the present residence of his grandson, B. Franklin Burdick. A year or two later, Thompson sold the north half of his original farm to his brother William, who had married a sister of Thompson's wife; the latter being also a sister of Mrs. Eli Colegrove. This

Dwight, professor of law in Columbia University, whose summer residence is on the Smith addition to the Burdick farm; P. Adelbert, lawyer and eminent temperance evangelist, who died in 1893, and B. Franklin, who owns and occupies the old homestead. Another original settler in the immediate vicinity of the lake was Jonathan Coon. His first purchase, in 1798, was that of the Eli Colegrove farm, already referred to. In 1801, he bought a hundred acres next adjoining William Burdick on the north, a part of which is now owned by DeLloyd Burdick and on which his cheese factory stands. In 1812, Mr. Coon added fifty acres to the north of his farm, thus coming into possession of the land now owned by Eugene E. Coon of Oneida, who returns with his family to the shores of the lake for his summer outing. By the construction of the lake a considerable part of the large farm owned by J. Avery and Dennis T. Coon, sons of Jonathan, was flooded



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THE BURDICK HOMESTEAD.

portion of the farm descended to Kenyon Burdick, a son of William, who sold it to William F. Wall, its present owner. It is believed that David C. Burdick, the oldest son of Thompson, was the first white child born in DeRuyter, his birthday being May 25, 1796. The Thompson Burdick farm descended to a son, Albert G., who added several primitive holdings, one of which was taken up by George Coon, to the north of David Maine's house and another was a part of the Caleb Smith farm. During his early life, he was prominent in the state militia, gaining the rank of captain. One of the commissions issued to him—as second lieutenant of the 15th Regiment of Artillery—bears the date of Oct. 12, 1835, and the signature of Gov. W. L. Marcy. He married Eunetia Y. Wheeler of Nelson, Madison Co. Their children were Catharine P., wife of Leonard R. Green of Adams Center, N. Y.; Francis M.,

with water. Roland Swift, a Revolutionary soldier, drove into this section with a yoke of oxen and a canvas covered wagon loaded with his worldly effects. This was in 1804. He settled on the east shore of the lake on the place now occupied by the Clarks, and in addition to his agricultural pursuits he repaired shoes. He died there, leaving the farm with his son, Herman Swift, who also died there. George L. Swift, son of Herman, afterwards settled in Marathon, where he built up a large mercantile business in which he and his sons have since been engaged. To the north of Jonathan Coon's farm, Benjamin Enos settled in 1813. He was for many years a man of much prominence in state affairs, as a Member of Assembly, Canal Commissioner and State Treasurer. His son, Samuel D. Enos, a graduate of Hamilton College, a lawyer and state official, died in 1854, at thirty-three years of age. His daugh-



Benjamin Photo. RESIDENCE OF MRS. MARY DeLONG.

ter married Charles H. Maxson, who, until his recent removal from town, was an important figure in DeRuyter life. For many years they occupied the original Enos farm, which is now owned by LeRoy Vincent. One of their sons, Charles B., is president of a successful printing press manufactory in New London, Conn., and with him they now reside. The other son, Henry D., a graduate of DeRuyter institute and Amherst college, a teacher and preacher of brilliant promise, died in 1891. At the northeast corner of the lake settled Pardon Coon, a brother of

Jonathan. The farm is now owned by Myron W. Coon of Syracuse, who with his family, returns to the old homestead for the summer vacation. One of his sons, Percy, a rising young business man of Syracuse, has built an attractive summer cottage not far from his father's house; and the other son, Clarence, a promising Syracuse physician, plans to build near by in the immediate future. Among the early settlers on the west side of the lake was Oliver Crandall and Eleazor Sweetland. The latter's son, Ethan, still occupies that part of the Sweetland farm which was not submerged. At a little distance to the south of the lake settled David Maine, Sr., a wheelwright and chair maker, whose son, David Maine, Jr., a teacher, surveyor and local as well as state official of eminence, oc-

cupied the farm until his death, when it descended to his sons, Henry C. and Irving. Upon the death of the latter, it passed into the possession of Mrs. DeLacy Benjamin, who still owns it. Henry C. Maine, after graduating from DeRuyter institute and Hamilton college, devoted himself to newspaper and literary work, in which he has achieved an excellent reputation. While proprietor of the Troy Whig, he employed as one of his assistants Ex-Gov. Black, who had just finished his college course. For a number of years, Mr. Maine has been connected with the Rochester Democrat. His discussion of the sun's spots, and his weather predictions, founded upon his observations of the sun's surface, have dem-

onstrated his capacity as a man of original scientific thought. In the year 1800, Matthew Wells, Sr., took up a farm of more than two hundred acres, to the southeast of the Thompson Burdick farms, being led to this locality because several sisters of his wife, Mrs. Thompson Burdick and others were living here. His son, Matthew Wells, Jr., after a long and successful life on the farm, sold it to William Hunt, whose son James now owns the place. More than half a century ago Mr. Wells built a machine shop on the branch of the



RESIDENCE OF MRS. ALICE ANNAS.
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RESIDENCE OF MRS. EMMA WARNER.

Tioughnioga which ran through his farm and which was turned from its natural course a short distance below the shop to become the principal source of supply for the lake when that was constructed. The shop was run by his son Welcome, until his death, when the Cardner Bros. took it and for many years did an extensive business in manufacturing cheese boxes and horse rakes. Theirs was one of the first cheese-box manufactories in the state. They were succeeded by Charles R. Maxson, a son-in-law of Mr. Wells, who in 1864 transferred the business to Kenyon Muncy and Oscar Crandall. After a few months, Crandall sold out to Dennis T. Coon, who with his brother, J. Avery, has continued in possession of the premises to the present time. The original DeRuyter settlers acquired title to their lands from John Lincklaen and others, who purchased in 1792, for the Holland Land company, a tract of 120,000 acres, which included the present towns of German, Pitcher, Lincklaen, DeRuyter, Nelson and a part of Cazenovia. In the deed to Thomp-

the lake) exceeded one hundred. At present the number of children of school age in the district is less than thirty. In the earlier period small land holdings and large families were the rule. Now the tendency is towards small families and big farms.

FRANCIS M. BURDICK.

The Seventh Day Baptist Church—Quite a colony of Seventh Day people came to DeRuyter from Rensselaer county and on Sept. 29, 1806, a council composed of Elder Henry Clark and Deacon Phineas Burdick, from Brookfield, and Elder William Satterlee, Deacon James Burdick, Stephen Maxson and Eliphaleh Johnson, from Petersburg, Rensselaer Co., organized the Seventh Day Baptist church of DeRuyter (then Cazenovia) with 23 members, 14 of whom were dismissed from the Petersburg church and 9 were from DeRuyter and vicinity. They then ordained David Davis evangelist elder. In the many changes that followed in those early days the church records are not complete, but in 1815

the church was reorganized and the minutes faithfully kept and the meetings regularly maintained. The Sabbath services were often held at the settlement at German (now Lincklaen Center) and at Truxton (now Cuyler Hill) where at each place there was a large and prosperous Sabbath keeping community as early as 1815. In 1827 the membership had reached 177 and during this year the Seventh Day Baptist church of Truxton was constituted with members dismissed from DeRuyter. During the autumn of 1831 the Seventh Day Baptist church of Lincklaen was organized with members likewise dismissed from DeRuyter. From 1825 to 1830 the mother church was supplied by visiting ministers and from 1830 to 1835 Elders Alexander Campbell, Joel Green and Ephraim Curtis followed the itinerant plan. About 1835 the church edifice in the village was erected at a cost of \$3,000, and so substantially was it built that it has stood for 65 years with slight repairs, and now plans are in contemplation to modernize and improve it. During the 94 years of the church's existence there has been 16 pastors and ministers, many of whom were men of fine culture and signal ability. Among these may be mentioned Alexander Campbell, the founder of DeRuyter institute and a man of rare ability and spiritual power; Elder James R. Irish, so long the principal of DeRuyter institute and a giant in body, mind and heart; Elder Geo. B. Tomlinson, a brilliant, classical scholar and orator, and Elder Joshua Clark, so successful as pastor and evangelist through all this section. The great length of many of these pastorates speaks well for the ability of the ministers and the co-operation of the membership. The largest membership was during the prosperity of the DeRuy-



Benjamin Photo. OFFICERS DERUYTER LODGE I. O. O. F.

- 1.—George Miner. 2.—Benjamin Eaton. 3.—M. A. Blakeslee. 4.—A. D. Baker. 5.—W. W. Rainey. 6.—J. L. Gardner. 7.—H. B. Griffith. 8.—E. S. Newitt. 9.—H. Reed.

son Burdick, of May 1, 1795, the grantors are John Lincklaen of the county of Herkimer, and Herman LeRoy, of the city of New York. It is witnessed by Jonathan Foreman and Samuel S. Foreman and recorded Nov. 16, 1796, in the clerk's office of Herkimer county, as neither the town of DeRuyter nor the county of Madison had then been organized. The price for the 172 acres 2 roods and 16 perches conveyed was, "Two hundred and thirty-seven pounds, twelve shillings and ten pence, current money of the State of New York." In Jonathan Coon's deed of 1801, the price of his hundred acres is named as \$300—while eleven years later he paid \$300 for 50 acres adjoining his earliest purchase. During the first quarter of the nineteenth century the population of DeRuyter increased with marvelous rapidity. In 1795 there were only a few families within the present limits of the town; while from 1820 to 1830 the attendance of pupils during the winter terms in school district No. 3, (which surrounds

the lake) exceeded one hundred. At present the number of children of school age in the district is less than thirty. In the earlier period small land holdings and large families were the rule. Now the tendency is towards small families and big farms.



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ter Institute from 1836 to 1870, when large numbers of students were added, being gathered in during great revivals. The present membership is 140, of whom quite a number live at a distance and great numbers have moved west and helped organize other churches. Rev. Joshua Clarke, a successful preacher and evangelist, was pastor nearly 17 years, from January, 1870, till into 1886, and gathered large numbers into the church.

Rev. L. R. Swinney, the present pastor, followed in the autumn of that year and has continued till the present (1900). He was born in Bridgeton, New Jersey, educated in his native state and taught during the Civil War, (1860-65) near Gettysburg, and entered Union Theological seminary, N. Y. city, in 1866, and graduated in the class of 1869, making a specialty of the oriental languages. In November of that year he was married to Miss Sue M. Black, of Black's Gap, Pa., and settled as pastor at Alfred, N. Y., and elected professor of Hebrew and Cognate languages in Alfred university. In 1877 he went to West Virginia and was pastor and missionary for nine years in that state and Kentucky. In 1886 he moved back to N. Y. and settled at DeRuyter on account of its educational advantages. Following a missionary plan he preaches in many of the adjacent neighborhoods and has organized and for the past six years conducted at Sherman Park, Syra-

cuse, a mission on the plan of the Young Men's Christian Association. He is also treasurer of the County Sunday-school association and president of the Madison Co. Bible society.

Tloughnioga Lodge, No. 552, I. O. O. F., was instituted at DeRuyter, N. Y., on the 13th day of May, 1889, by D. D. G. M. George W. Chapman, of Canastota, with six charter members as follows: J. R. Coye, N. G.; S. L. Porter, V. G.; A. L. Baker, Sec.; W. J. Hodges, P. S.; Giles Coye, Treas.; H. J. Reed, I. G. In the evening seventeen members received the three degrees, McGrawville lodge, No. 320, working the initiatory

and second, and Pleasant Valley lodge, No. 424, of Delphi, the first and third degrees. During the ten years of its existence to Dec. 31, 1899, it has worked the degrees on over one hundred members and has paid in benefits and donations in the aggregate of \$600. The seven following members have died: E. P. Brown, B. J. Brown, L. R. Grant, David Evens, G. M. Foster, Charles E. Beakman, J. H. Babcock. There have been four new lodges formed, taking thirteen members from the lodge. The membership Dec. 31, 1899, was fifty-four, of which twelve are Past Grands.



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CLERGY.

Rev. L. R. Swinney.
Rev. W. E. Darrow.

Rev. David W. Bull.
Rev. George W. Rosenberry.

The First Congregational Church—

During the month of June, 1896, Rev. D. W. Bull, a missionary in the employ of the Home Mission society of the State of New York, visited DeRuyter, at the request of a number of friends, who were desirous to know more fully the polity of the Congregational church. As a result, on August 6, 1896, the First Congregational church and society was organized and incorporated by Dr. Bull. Nineteen members united with the church, thirteen on confession and six by letter. The following trustees were elected: I. E. Smith, W. H. Hardie and W. J. Hodges. The new organization met for divine service in Russell's hall. The pulpit was supplied by Rev. D. W. Bull, Rev. Ethan Curtis, secretary New York State Home Mission society and Rev. Lemuel Jones, state missionary, until November of the same year, when Rev. D. W. Bull was called to the pastorate in connection with the Home Mission society. Meanwhile, a subscription had been started with the view of building a suitable church in which to worship. The result of this effort far exceeded the expectation of the committee in charge. A prominent lot on the south side of Cortland street was purchased. M. E. Tallett, H. P. Mitchell and E. Nash were elected the building committee, with B. S. Bryant treasurer. Plans were adopted, and the work on the church edifice begun early in the winter of 1896. The building committee pushed the work rapidly to completion. In the afternoon of July 21, 1897, the beautiful church, with its rich exterior, its elaborate furnishings, was dedicated. The dedicatory sermon was

The Rebekahs—At a special meeting called at Odd Fellows hall on the evening of Feb. 23, 1894, for the purpose of instituting a lodge of Rebekahs in DeRuyter, N. Y., D. D. G. M. Mrs. Emma J. Moody of Oneida instituted Violetta No. 11, D. of R., with the following charter members: A. L. Baker, Mrs. Sarah E. Baker, John Snell, Mrs. Addie Snell, B. F. Eaton, Mrs. Sarah A. Eaton, E. W. Schelinger, Mrs. Polley Kelley, W. J. Hodges, T. T. White; after which seven candidates received the degree. The membership on Dec. 31, 1899, was fifty-three with the following officers: Presiding N. G., Mrs. Mary Swind; V. G., Mrs. Ella J. Griffith; Sec., A. L. Baker; Treas., Mrs. Sylvia S. Hodges; Past Noble Grands, Mrs. Emily Brown, Mrs. Addie Snell.



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THE CHURCHES.

Congregational.

First Baptist.
Seventh Day Baptist.

Methodist.



RESIDENCE OF JOHN R. WILSON.

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RESIDENCE OF H. I. NEWITT.

delivered by Rev. Wm. E. Griffis, D. D., of Ithaca, N. Y. Rev. Edward Evans, of Camden, N. Y., preached in the evening. The church complete cost nearly \$4,000. At the close of the dedicatory service, about \$1,000 remained unprovided for. The Church Building society of the Congregational church gave \$500. The balance was assured by the Ladies' Aid society. The church is now free of all encumbrance. The church, at present, is fostered by the Home Mission society. With its various organizations, it has steadily prospered. Fifty-one have united with the church since it was formed. Dr. Bull is still the missionary pastor. The Sunday-school has a membership of seventy-five. W. H. Hill is the efficient superintendent, Miss Blanche Beekman, secretary, Mrs. M. E. Tallett, treasurer.

The pastor, David W. Bull, was born in London, Eng. When nine years of age, he was sent to the Higate boarding school. His thoughts were early

inclined towards the profession of a medical missionary. With this end in view and to prepare himself for that work, he entered Morlay college, graduating from that institution in 1874. After his theological course, he took a special course in medicine and was made a licentiate in May, 1878; was ordained in London, March 19, 1877. Soon after graduation, Dr. Bull came to America, visiting the Eastern and Middle states. The result of this visit was the means of changing, somewhat, his purpose in life; he concluded to make his home in the New World. With the exception of one year spent in the practice of medicine he has held pastorates in Illinois and New York State. Since 1890 he has been a missionary pastor in the employ of the Congregational Home Missionary society.

Village of Log Houses—DeRuyter was a village of six log houses in 1805 and one store which was kept by a man named Gray.



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THE VILLAGE CEMETERY.

The DeRuyter Banking Co. was organized under that name—or rather re-organized as a banking institution—Jan. 1, 1899. It was established as private enterprise on Nov. 1, 1889, by F. S. Mitchell with a capital of \$5,000. At once it became apparent that such an institution was needed in the community, and on April 1, 1890, it was re-organized as The Individual Banking Co. with a capital of \$10,000 comprising 100 shares. The bank has proved a pronounced financial success, having a loan and discount business of approximately \$40,000 and paying big dividends. There has been but one change in the original shareholders, the death of Henry Hill (No. 8), whose interest is now held by his widow, Josie E. Hill. The present stockholders are residents of DeRuyter except Charles H. Maxson, who lives in West-erly, R. I., and A. R. Bryant, of Truxton. The

nized December 26, 1798, by a council called for the purpose. The first house of worship was erected on the piece of ground owned by Eli Spear, which lay east of the saw-mill pond, and was completed in 1818, a building 30x40 feet, one and one-half stories in height and without paint or steeple. Later in the years from 1839-1842, another house was built on the present site and was dedicated in June, 1842. The building was remodeled and rededicated March, 1889, Rev. A. K. Fuller preaching the sermon. Seven have been licensed to preach and five have been ordained to the fuller work of the ministry:—Richard H. Benedict, July 10, 1816; Lewis T. Seaman in 1822; L. W. Webster in 1833; J. B. Pixley in 1841 and George B. Bradley in 1898. About fifty-four ministers have served the church as pastor, of whom we may mention the names

Joel Butler, R. H. Benedict, J. B. Pixley, Thomas Fisher, L. L. Gage, L. B. Day, S. P. Way, W. C. Phillips, A. K. Fuller, F. M. Hungate, Judson Davis, S. S. Utter, G. D. Adams, F. H. Richardson, G. B. Bradley and H. T. Procter. The present pastor is W. E. Darrow. Thirteen men have acted as deacons. There have been ten clerks including the present incumbent, A. P. Spicer. The church was represented in 1806 in a conference at New Woodstock incipient to the formation of the Madison Baptist association, which was formally organized in German (now Pitcher) August 31, 1808. On November 26, 1831, ten members of the church were dismissed by letter to form the Georgetown Baptist church. The centennial of the church was appropriately observed on December 26, 1899.

Rev. W. E. Darrow was born in New York City on September 2, 1864, and received his

early education in one of the public schools of the city. In 1879 he united with the East Baptist church, a church in the lower part of the city and about two years after he began study preparatory to the work of the ministry. The necessity of earning a livelihood kept him from any systematic course of study until the fall of 1888, when he entered the Theological seminary at Hamilton and was graduated in 1892, the First Baptist church, Brooklyn, E. D., helping him to the attainment of this end. On the first of April preceding his graduation, he became pastor of the Fort Plain Baptist church and continued as such until October, 1894, when he left to take charge of the church at Mechanicville, where he remained until April, 1896. During his pastorate at Fort Plain, a new church edifice was erected and dedicated, and at Mechanicville, a divided church organiza-



OFFICERS, INCORPORATORS AND STOCKHOLDERS DERUYTER BANKING Benjamin Photos. CO. 1899-1900. [See Key numbers in the article.]

officers and shareholders are as follows: (1) Pres., B. S. Bryant; (4) Vice Pres., Morell Tallett; (3) Cashier, F. S. Mitchell; (6) Chas. H. Maxson, (5) H. Benjamin, (2) H. P. Mitchell, (11) A. R. Bryant, Mrs. Josie Hill, (9) Henry Howes, (10) W. E. Burdick and (7) E. H. Lee. The last statement, made June 1, 1900, is as follows:

Resources:—Loans and discounts, \$39,488.37; bonds and mortgages, \$21,070.22; furniture and fixtures, \$500.00; premium, \$90.00; cash and due from banks, \$47,109.10; total \$108,257.69.

Liabilities:—Capital, \$10,000.00; surplus \$2,000.00; undivided profits, \$3,311.27; due banks, \$313.05; due depositors, \$92,633.37; total \$108,257.69.

First Day Baptist Church—The First Day Baptist church of DeRuyter had its beginning in meetings under the leadership of Elder Joel Butler, during the year 1798. It was formally recog-

tion was brought into harmony. Conscious of lack in his preparation for the full work of the ministry and anxious to realize the hopes of earlier years for a regular collegiate training, he attended Cook academy from September, 1896, to his graduation, June, 1899, serving as pastor of the Reading Baptist church, which was about 8 miles distant, during his attendance at the school. In the summer of 1899, he removed to Hamilton for study in the college department of Colgate university, and since then he has supplied the DeRuyter Baptist church, coming on Saturdays and returning to Hamilton on Mondays. On June 16, 1892, Mr. Darrow was married to Miss Hattie

E. Burdick and remained with him until the fall of 1882, when he began business for himself, erecting the building he now occupies and where he established a drug and grocery business. In the fall of 1889 he closed out his grocery business to make room in his store for the banking business of which he is now cashier. He was married Feb. 22, 1882, to Florence L., daughter of Horace and Ann M. Benjamin. Mrs. Mitchell has always assisted in the store and bank and is greatly interested in her husband's success. Mr. Mitchell is treasurer of the village, also the school board, having held the position for several years. Although taking no active part in politics, he is a Democrat of the old Jackson school.



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F. S. MITCHELL'S RESIDENCE AND DRUG STORE.

Mills of Durhamville, of which union there are three children, two boys and a girl. He was ordained at Fort Plain, June 28, 1892.

Frank S. Mitchell, the druggist, and cashier of the DeRuyter Banking Co., is quite largely interested in the affairs of the village, being the owner of considerable valuable real estate and is also concerned in the business future of the village by reasons of his large business interests. Frank S. Mitchell was born in DeRuyter July 11, 1859, the son of Aaron and Mary Sears Mitchell. He was educated in the DeRuyter schools. When a mere boy he learned telegraphy and was later given the position of telegrapher at the DeRuyter station. At the age of 19 he entered the drug store of M.

The Junior Endeavor, Seventh Day Baptist church, was organized Jan. 8, 1898, with the following officers: Pres., Lilla Murray; Vice Pres., Lillian Stillman; Sec., Lois Holmes; Treas., Cora Coon. The church is very fortunate in having a goodly number of boys and girls who are bright, active workers in the society. The social and floral committees have done very efficient work. The society gives yearly for benevolent purposes at home and abroad. This year the money for foreign work was sent to starving India. The present officers are: Pres., Leslie Swinney; Vice Pres., Melvin Coon; Sec., Daisy Miles; Treas., Raymond Burdick; Supt., Bertha Annas.



Benjamin Photos. BOARD OF EDUCATION 1898-'9-1900-'1.

1.—Henry Howes (President '98-1900). 2.—F. S. Mitchell, Treasurer. 3.—Wm. H. Hill, Secretary. 4.—H. P. Mitchell, President 1900-'1. 5.—L. R. Swinney. 6.—Hartwell Ames. 7.—Charles Hayes. 8.—Ira E. Smith (appointed vice Henry Howes resigned 1900). 9.—Frank Gardner (elected to succeed H. Ames 1900).

The DeRuyter Public School—The pioneers who first interested the people of this vicinity in educational work were Rev. Alexander Campbell, Deacon Henry Crandall and Dr. Ira Spencer. After several conferences these three men called a meeting of the citizens of DeRuyter. A committee was appointed to draft resolutions and plans to be presented at another meeting. Elder Campbell was chairman of this committee. At an adjourned meeting called by the chairman, Lebarion Goodwin, it was resolved that the citizens of DeRuyter and vicinity shall subscribe the sum of three thousand dollars, upon condition, that the Seventh Day Baptists erect a suitable building for a school in or near the village, which shall cost ten thousand dollars. At this meeting they organized a board of twelve trustees and elected Rev. Campbell chairman and general agent. He visited Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Ohio and raised the amount needed. Then, he, as general agent, purchased about one hundred acres of land

of Dr. Hubbard Smith, the intention being at the time to institute an agricultural department in connection with the school. The original deed given by Dr. Hubbard Smith to Elder Campbell and Deacon Henry Crandall—as custodians—is still in my possession. Elder Campbell, Deacon Crandall and Lebarion Goodwin were appointed the building committee. They let the stone work by contract and the wood work by the day. Work was commenced in the spring of 1836. The stone were obtained from five different points, viz: The farm known as the Bly farm, now owned by Henry Howes, the James Nye farm occupied by the late David Wilcox, the farm known as the Benjamin I. Burdick farm, now owned by his heirs; the cap stones over the doors and windows from a quarry on the Joseph Fairbank farm, now owned by Mrs. Geo. F. Annas, and the front steps from Manlius, all cut and ready to set. The sand was taken from the Deacon Pardon Coon farm, five miles north of the village, now owned by Myron W. Coon. The timber and lumber were cut in the surrounding country and mostly sawed in the old Red mill. The house now occupied by Rev. L. M. Cottrell and Blanche Griffith was moved from the grounds and used as a boarding hall in connection with the school. The beautiful line of maple trees surrounding the school grounds were bought and set by contract, for eighteen cents apiece. In the spring of 1837, the building not being completed, a primary school was started with a Miss Robinson as teacher.



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THE SCHOOL FACULTY.

1.—I. S. Sears, Principal. 2.—Jennie Sheehy, Assistant. 3.—Nettle Wilson, Intermediate. 4.—Imogene Lewis, Intermediate. 5.—M. Cassaline Coon, Primary. 6.—Agnes Post, Training Class. 7.—Edna Fellows, Assistant.

The building was completed the following fall, at an expense of \$32,000, this amount including the interior furnishings, library, chemical apparatus, furniture, etc. The academy was opened the same fall (1837) with Prof. Rollo as principal and Miss Bonney as preceptress, with several assistants. One hundred and forty students were registered the first term. The next year Prof. Solomon

two years. The institute continued to prosper, and a large number of our young men were now receiving their education within its walls, preparatory to the ministry, and other important positions in our denomination and in the world. At one time the Regents of the University of the State of New York recognized DeRuyter institute as next to the first class of academical institutions

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THE PUBLIC SCHOOL OF DERUYTER, N. Y.



Carpenter and wife were installed as principal and preceptress, which positions they held for several years. Mr. Carpenter was a graduate of Brown university, Providence, R. I. Prof. Giles M. Langworthy, principal, and Miss Caroline Wilcox, preceptress, occupied the positions one year succeeding Prof. Carpenter, after which Prof. Wood and Miss Severance were installed as heads of the school. They occupied the positions about

in the state. About the year 1845, Rev. J. R. Irish was chosen principal and Mrs. Solomon Carpenter preceptress. Elder Irish held the position some ten or twelve years, with the exception of one year, when Prof. Guerdon Evans acted as principal. During the time that Elder Frist was principal the following ladies occupied the position of preceptress: Mrs. Jacob Stillman, Miss Orrillo Rogers, Mrs. Ambrose Spicer, Miss Jose-

phine Wilcox and Miss Miranda Fisher. Prof. Henry L. Jones held the position for a while with Miss Josephine Wilcox as preceptress part of the time and Miss Ella Weaver the balance. The next principal was Prof. Ford, with Prof. H. C. Coon as assistant and his wife as preceptress; after which Rev. L. E. Livermore, with Prof. Coon and wife, was at the head of the school until its close as an academy.

On March 24, 1874, at a meeting of the citizens of the two districts known as districts No. 1 and 11, it was resolved that the school district No. 1 of the towns of DeRuyter and Cuyler and district No. 11 of the town of DeRuyter be consolidated by the establishment of a Union Free school. At this meeting the following board of education were elected: J. B. Wells for one year; Gilbert Taber and B. G. Stillman for two years and Horace Benjamin and Joseph Crumb for three years, commencing the second Tuesday of October, 1874. On March 28, 1874, the board elected B. G. Stillman president, and J. B. Wells secretary, and purchased the present building and site for \$2,535.00. Between the closing of DeRuyter institute as a school and the date of this purchase, Mr. Hollister

—now living in Cortland—taught a select school. The first teachers were Miss E. Reynolds of Clockville, and Miss Sarah E. White of Sheds Corners, at a salary of \$10 per week each. Sept. 7, 1874, Mr. A. M. Wright of Cortland was secured as principal at a salary of \$180. At the end of winter term, 1875, Miss Reynolds became preceptress and Miss White assistant. Oct. 12, 1875, Miss S. Marie Stillman was hired as an assistant. At the annual school meeting, October,

1875, Dr. Silas S. Clark was elected to succeed J. B. Wells on the board and E. B. Parsons was elected treasurer and J. W. Annas collector. Oct. 19, 1875, J. H. Crumb was elected president and Dr. Clark secretary. Miss Mary W. Kiem was hired to teach the primary department commencing Jan. 3, 1876. Jan. 5, 1876, a resolution was passed that an academical department be established. March 10, 1876, Rev. Joshua Clark was appointed a member of the board in place of J. H. Crumb, resigned. Elder Clark was elected president March 11, 1876. E. B. Woodworth was next hired as principal and S. Marie Stillman to teach the primary department. At this meeting E. B. Parsons resigned as treasurer of school and at the next meeting G. F. Annas was elected in his place. At the annual school meeting, Oct. 10, 1876, Elder Clark was elected president and E. B. Parsons and George Lewis succeeded Gilbert Taber and B. G. Stillman. Nov. 23, 1876, Miss Marion Mitchell was hired as teacher in the intermediate department. April 19, 1877, Miss S. Marie Stillman succeeded Mr. Woodworth as head of the school with Miss Mitchell assistant. June 27, 1877, Prof. E. C. Wheeler of Cincinnati was hired as principal.

Jan. 10, 1878, Miss Lizzie Ager became an assistant teacher. At the annual school meeting Oct. 14, 1879, W. E. Burdick was elected trustee for three years in place of E. B. Parsons. At a meeting Oct. 12, 1880, George Annas was elected trustee in place of Horace Benjamin. Oct. 25, 1880, Miss Grace Griswold was hired as the fourth teacher. Sept. 21, 1881, Miss Ettie Mitchell took her place. Oct. 17, 1882, George F. Annas was elected president and W. E. Burdick secretary. Oct. 23, 1882, Miss Mary Hanchett was hired as one of the teachers. In the fall of 1883 E. W. Dow of Hamilton became principal, Miss Mary E. Tilton, assistant. Oct. 9, 1883, R. P. York was elected trustee in place of George F. Annas. At the following board meeting George Lewis was elected president and W. G. Weed, secretary. Aug. 30, 1887, C. H. Maxson was elected a member of the board. In the fall of 1885 Mr. Lindsay became principal, Mr. Lansing and Miss Link assistants. The following fall Prof. E. A. Winchell was hired as principal, Miss Myrtie Andrews assistant, Miss Hattie Graves in the intermediate and Miss Jessie Link in the primary department. August, 1888, George S. Mason and Dr. E. N.

Coon were chosen trustees in place of Geo. Lewis and W. E. Burdick. At the following board meeting C. H. Maxson was elected president and George S. Mason, secretary. Aug. 6, 1887, Rev. L. R. Swinney was elected trustee in place of W. G. Weed. Aug. 3, 1891, H. K. Nash was elected in place of Dr. E. N. Coon, and in 1892, H. P. Mitchell in the place of L. R. Swinney. Prof. Hermon C. Woodworth was principal during school year of 1892-'93, Miss Sherman, Miss Graves, Miss



Benjamin Photo. A GROUP OF BUDDING BELLES.

Lena Foster, Marguerite Howes, Margarette Griffith (seated)
Miriam Messenger.

Malthy and Miss Thompson, assistants. The instructors for the school year 1893-'94 were: Prof. Lang, principal; Miss Luttendon, assistant; Miss White, intermediate; Miss Graves, primary. Instructors 1894-'5—Irving S. Sears, principal; Flora M. Sears, assistant principal; Mary L. White, junior department; Jessie L. Malthy, intermediate; Belle A. Stillman, primary. Board of education—Charles H. Maxson, president; George S. Mason, secretary; Rev. L. R. Swinney, Horace Benjamin and Henry K. Nash. Instructors 1896-'97—Irving S. Sears, principal; Grace L. Rugg, assistant principal; Agnes C. Post, training class; Mary L. White, junior department; Jessie L. Malthy, intermediate; M. Cassaline Coon, primary. The DeRuyter Union school and academy was placed on the list of permanent training class schools Sept. 16, 1895, and maintained a class of sixteen members during that year. In 1897-'98 Miss Jennie Sheehy taught in the place of Miss Rugg, and Miss Janette Wilson in the place of Miss Malthy. In the board of education Rev. L. R. Swinney became president while Henry Howes and Charles Hayes were elected in the place of Charles H. Maxson and Horace Benjamin. June 29, 1897, the board were



Benjamin Photo. MISS MARY HOLLENBECK.

granted a union high school charter. In 1898-'9, the board of education was Henry Howes, president; William H. Hill, secretary; Rev. L. R. Swinney, Byron S. Bryant and Charles Hayes. In the junior department, Miss Helen Robinson was the teacher that year. In the spring of 1900 Hartwell Ames was appointed on the board to succeed B. S. Bryant, retiring. Miss Imogene Lewis began teaching in the fall term in the place of Miss Robinson. At the annual school meeting, 1900, Frank Gardner was elected trustee to succeed Hartwell Ames and Ira E. Smith was appointed in the place of Henry Howes, who resigned. H. P. Mitchell was chosen president of the board for the ensuing year, William Hill secretary, and Frank Mitchell treasurer.

H. JEROME CRANDALL.

Miss Mary Hollenbeck

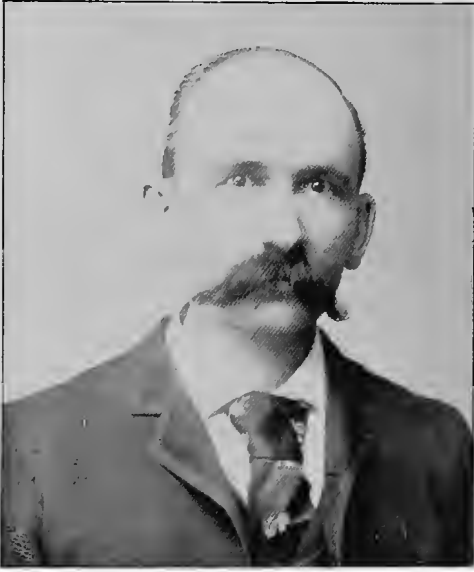
entered the store of J. H. Delamater as saleslady in 1865. Being the first lady to sell goods in the village, it created not a little talk, some criticising and others defending her. For twenty-two years she has served in this capacity. All of this time, with the exception of one year in Syracuse for T. C. Dillay, and three in Buchanan, Mich., has been spent in this beautiful village. Her success as a saleslady, and the progressive spirit she has shown in business, justified her course. Her childhood home was Cuyler, Cortland county. Being one of a large family, she was early forced to leave school and she has made her way in life, winning many friends and a large

number of acquaintances who would sincerely regret her retirement from mercantile life.

The M. E. Church—The history of DeRuyter Methodism begins with the year 1830, when meetings were held from time to time in the old DeRuyter chapel, which is now used as a hay barn [see view, page 3] two miles north of the village. As early as 1837, DeRuyter chapel was made one of the regular appointments of the Truxton circuit and was served at that time by Rev. Zetto Barnes, with Wesley Fox as local preacher. The Rev. Zachariah Paddock was then presiding elder of this district. Prominent among those who helped to establish Methodism in DeRuyter were the Rev. L. J. Wheelock who still resides in the village, being upwards of 88 years of age, John S. Morse, Morris House, Isaac Foster, Jason Burdick, Abner Brown and John Culver. In 1838, the Methodists began to hold meetings in DeRuyter village at the different homes of the members of the church. A little later these meetings were held in the old Presbyterian church, which stood on the site now occupied by the Methodist church, and DeRuyter chapel was abandoned. In 1860, on the 27th of December, the Methodists dedicated a church situated on the north corner of Cortland and Division streets, and now occupied by Benjamin's photograph gallery, Burdick's law office and Newitt's store. The present site was secured from the Presbyterian church and the church home now occupied by the Methodists was built, largely through the perseverance and energy of the Rev. James Stanton. In 1895 the former home of Colonel York was purchased by the church and fitted up for a parsonage. In 1896, through the efforts of the Rev. A. E. Hall, a Methodist church was built in Quaker Basin, near the former site of the old Quaker church and has since been connected with DeRuyter Methodism. At the present time the entire property of the church is practically free from indebtedness and the church is stronger in numbers and in a better condition generally than ever before. Among the faithful members of the past who have helped make the present conditions possible were Trowbridge Allen, Joseph Lyon,



Benjamin Photo. RESIDENCE OF MISS MARY HOLLENBECK.



E. D. BENJAMIN, SOUVENIR ARTIST.

George Newitt, George Hayes and many others who with these have passed on before. Among the pastors who have served the church since 1837 we give the following names: Zetto Barnes, S. B. Varrington, L. H. Reddington, D. Fancher, A. Johnson, E. Hoag, I. D. Warren, John Crawford, F. C. Winslow, Wesley Fox, I. Crop, E. House, George Boughton, V. L. Torry, A. C. Bowdish, R. H. Clark, William Adams, James Stanton, Henry Meeker, H. W. Williams, O. A. Retan, Charles Haynes, Frank Hamilton, A. E. Hall, G. W. Rosenberry. The history of DeRuyter Methodism would not be complete without the history of its local preachers, first and foremost of which stands L. J. Wheelock, who came to DeRuyter in 1836 and was licensed to preach in 1838. Since that time he has been a part, and a strong factor in the Methodism of DeRuyter.

Rev. Geo. W. Rosenberry, A. M., pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of DeRuyter since October, 1897, was born in Mifflin county, Pa., in 1869. He spent the early years of his life on his father's farm and later taught in some of the district schools. He then prepared for college at Dickinson seminary, Williamsport, Pa., and was graduated from that school with the highest honors of his class. In 1896 he finished the classical course in Syracuse university, being elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa and the key of that noted society he now wears. He is also a member of the Greek letter college fraternity, Delta Upsilon. In 1896 he was married to Esther Linter of Syracuse, N. Y. His first appointment after completing his college course was DeRuyter, N. Y., where he still resides.

E. DeForest Benjamin, who made the views and pictures for this work, demonstrated his artistic skill and excellent taste in a manner which proves that he ranks first among photographers. Painstaking and conscientious he counts results as of more importance than anything else, and invariably secures the best work whatever time or expense may be required. Ezra Benjamin, his father, was a farmer in Cuyler, his native town, and it was there that Mr. Benjamin was born, June 17, 1851. He was educated in the district schools and the DeRuyter institute, and in 1881 entered the gallery of I. Page at Cortland, where he learned the profession. In December, 1883, he opened a gallery in the building in the rear of the Merchant block, on Lincklaen street, and in 1886 moved to his present quarters in the Jones block. On Dec. 10, 1872, he married Emogene, the daughter of Simeon Rider. His facilities are all that is necessary for every line of the work of an artist and his business is quite large.

Surrogates—[Merged with County Judge in 1847]: T. H. Hubbard, Hamilton, app. March 26, 1806; Dr. Asa B. Sizer, Madison, app. Feb. 26, 1816; John B. Stower, Hamilton, Feb. 19, 1821; Otis P. Granger, Morrisville, April 13, 1827; James B. Eldridge, Hamilton, Feb. 18, 1840; James W. Nye, Hamilton, February, 1844.



From Old Photos.

HISTORICAL ILLUSTRATIONS OF DERUYTER.

- 1.—Albany Street, 40 years ago (Coon, Photo). 2.—Ruins of Merchant Corner. 3.—Truxton Coach Club. 4.—Merchant Corner Before Fire. 5.—Utica-Lincklaen Streets, 40 years ago (Coon Photo). 6.—Crumb Buildings before the fire of April 26, 1899.



Benjamin Photo. A. W. FRANCIS.

Adelbert W. Francis came to DeRuyter from Preble, in 1883, and worked for H. E. Hill in the village mills for three years. In 1887 he started the feed business at the railroad station and continued the same until March 6, 1899, at which time he sold out to E. M. Stanton and retired from actual business pursuit. At the time a village water supply was the mooted question, Mr. Francis took an active part in behalf of the proposition. He was made president of the first water board which it was found necessary to create in order to carry the question after it had been lost on a tie vote, and he not only worked hard for the success of the scheme, but as a member of the board for several years and its president it was largely by his efforts that the details were carried out. He was member of the Republican county committee a number of years, was always ready to put his shoulder to the wheel on every public proposition. In local Masonic circles he is prominent, being a member of the DeRuyter lodge, F. & A. M., and is a member of the A. O. U. W. and W. E. Hunt post, 352, G. A. R. He was born in Vernon, Oneida county, N. Y., Sept. 12, 1840. In 1851 his parents moved to Georgetown, where his father bought the village grist and saw mill, which he ran for about eighteen years. Mr. James Francis was a farmer in the town of Oneida for a great many years. When the widely known Oneida community decided to locate in that section, Mr. Francis sold them the farm. Their main buildings stand on the site of the old Francis homestead. At the time the

abolitionists under the leadership of Gerritt Smith started the "underground road" for helping the slaves of the South to freedom, Mr. James Francis' home was made a station and he devoted himself to assisting the negroes in their flight. His son, A. W., enlisted in the 117th New York Infantry in August, 1862, and served until the regiment was mustered out in June, 1865. Upon his return home he entered the milling business in company with his father, but in 1871 formed a co-partnership with Elisha Green and the two under the firm name of Francis & Green conducted the stone grist mills at Lebanon. In 1877 Mr. Francis engaged in the same business at Truxton and in 1881 and '82 was a member of the firm of Crofoot & Francis, millers at Preble. His mother died in 1871 and his father in 1874. On Jan. 1, 1867, Mr. Francis married Sarah M., the daughter of William and Charlotte (Way) Pierce of Otselic. Mr. Francis has one sister, Mrs. Adelia Stewart of Durhamville. His father was the son of Job Francis, an officer in the Revolutionary war.

The W. C. T. U.—In February, 1888, after a series of temperance meetings, held in DeRuyter by Joe English, the outcome was the organization of the Reform club and the Woman's Christian Temperance union, the first only remaining in existence about four years. But during that time the two societies jointly sustained a reading room. One of the most important departments of the W. C. T. U., for about five years, was conducting the Juvenile work under the organization of Loyal Temperance Legion, and for a number of years the constant holding of monthly gospel temperance services, which have always been largely attended. The following ladies have served as presidents: Mrs. S. W. Fiske, Mrs. E. M. Wilcox, Mrs. L. R. Swinney and Mrs. E. A. Warner. The officers for the present year: Mrs. Bert Hills, Pres.; Mrs. S. W. Fiske, Vice Pres.; Mrs. L. R. Swinney, Cor. Sec.; Mrs. E. A. Warner, Rec. Sec.; Mrs. Geo. H. Hayes, Treas. The regular meetings are held Wednesday afternoons, semi-monthly.



Benjamin Photo. THE RESIDENCE OF A. W. FRANCIS.



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1.—JAMES HUNT. 2.—MRS. JULIA A. HUNT. 3.—CHARLES A. HUNT.
4.—GEO. M. FOSTER. 5.—MRS. NELLIE M. FOSTER and LENA J. 6.—FRANK
U. COON. 7.—MRS. BERTHA M. COON.

James Hunt, in the spring of 1867, bought the Mathew Wells farm and for twenty-three years it has been the home of himself and wife, where their children were born and where year after year the family have improved and cultivated it. The farm lies on the Shed's road two and a half miles northeast of DeRuyter, the buildings standing on a sitely knoll where they overlook the whole property and have a perfect drainage. Wells and streams provide an abundance of pure water. It is an ideal dairy farm upon which Mr. Hunt keeps a herd of from twenty-five to thirty dairy cows, including very fine young cattle. Orchards and shade trees, berries and garden truck thrive abundantly. Mr. Hunt, the son of William Hunt, a prominent and active resident

of the town of DeRuyter for a great many years, was born at Quaker Basin, Sept. 2, 1842. Leaving the farm when nineteen years old he went to Wisconsin and enlisted for three months in the Fourth Wisconsin Infantry, at the expiration of which time he received an honorable discharge and returned east to re-enlist, Aug. 5, 1863, in the 15th New York Cavalry, in which he served to the close of the war accompanying his regiment through the campaigns of the Army of the Potomac and receiving a second honorable discharge June 28, 1865. Mr. Hunt is a prominent Mason, Odd Fellow and member of the G. A. R. On November 22, 1865, he married Julia A. Gager of DeRuyter. She was born in Binghamton Oct. 6, 1843. Her father, Abram Gager, is now a resident of that city. After farming in Georgetown one year Mr. and Mrs. Hunt settled in their present home. Three children were born to them, Nellie M., Feb. 16, 1870, Bertha M., March 27, 1873 and Charles A., Aug. 2, 1877. During recent years the active part of the farm duties has devolved upon the latter which has greatly relieved his father. Nellie was married Sept. 26, 1894, to George M. Foster, the son of John and Jane Foster of Little York. Mr. Foster was born in Homer Aug. 17, 1857, and came to DeRuyter in 1890 where for five years he engaged in the meat business with R. L. Miller. The March following his marriage Mr. Foster bought out his



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THE FARM OF JAMES HUNT.

View on the West.

Birdseye View on the East.



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partner and continued the business alone to the time of his death which occurred after an illness of two weeks. Lena J., their only child, was born Feb. 1, 1896. Mr. Foster's death was a loss to the community, where his prominence in the Masons and Odd Fellows gave him a strong hold on a large circle of friends. He was treasurer of the DeRuyter Lodge, F. & A. M., when he died. Bertha M. Hunt was married to Frank U., the son of Dr. E. N. Coon of DeRuyter Oct. 6, 1897, and they have a pleasant residence on Cortland street. On Oct. 26, 1872, he was born in DeRuyter, where he attended school. At sixteen years of age he began as a moulder in Cortland and worked at that trade four years, returning to DeRuyter in 1893 and working for Miller & Foster in the meat market one year and for George Foster in the same business three years. In the fall of 1897 he started in the meat business at Marathon and in April, 1899, formed a co-partnership with Virgil at DeRuyter.

DeRuyter Grange, No. 651, P. of H., was organized at the school-house at Quaker Basin, March 14, 1890, by State Organizer J. B. Whiting, with twenty-two charter members. On April 10 a home was established in the Old Friends' meeting house, where it remained until the house was removed in June. Temporary quarters were taken up in the old Shepard ballroom until Oct. 9, when it moved to its present home in the Russell block. Many of the best farmers of the com-

munity have taken an active interest in its work. On Dec. 21, 1892, the Grange brought the first farmers' institute to DeRuyter, and have maintained them each year since, not only furnishing means, but supplying quite an array of local talent. That these institutes have been profitable, can be best seen by a visit to some of the up-to-date rural homes. The Grange is at present under the management of W. M., Howard Muncy. The present secretary, B. E. Wood, has held that office since its organization in 1890. The following is a list of the first officers elected: A. D. Warren, W. M.; B. S. Newitt, O.; H. I. Newitt, L.; F. Connell, S.; Mrs. S. W. Cone, Chap.; B. E. Wood, Sec.; F. Maxson, Treas.; D. C. Wood, A. S.; F. Warren, G. K.; Mrs. F. Connell, L. A. S.; Mrs. D. C. Wood, Pom.; Mrs. B. E. Wood, Ceres; Mrs. F. Warren, Flora.

Charles E. Maxson came to DeRuyter eight years ago and bought the old school house on Cortland street which had previously been converted into a residence. He remodeled and renovated the house, raising the roof and adding a porch so that it is now one of the most convenient and desirable of dwellings. On the west side he constructed an addition which he occupies as a store. He at once opened a jewelry store equipping it with the best lines as well as everything in the way of ammunition and camera supplies. In the rear is the workshop in which he carries on bicycle repairing and manufacturing of all kinds, keeping a man especially for that work. It is the only sportsmen's and bicycle headquarters in DeRuyter. Mr. Maxson was born in Richburg, Alleghany county, Dec. 26, 1868. His parents moved to Kansas when he was quite young and he spent his boyhood days in that state, returning to New York state when twelve years of age. Subsequently he spent six years in the oil regions where he had charge of a lease and he came here directly from the oil country. On Jan. 31, 1894, he married Nellie Taylor of DeRuyter, who died May 21, 1896. On March 21, 1897, he married Rose Crumb of DeRuyter.



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Benjamin Photo. HENRY HOWES.

Henry Howes, for two years president of the DeRuyter board of education but recently resigned, and a large dealer in wool and live stock, is very largely known among state politicians as one of the most active of Cortland county Republicans. Although his home is in the town of Cuyler, Cortland county, it is adjoining the Madison county line. He is located on one of the pleasantest farms in Cortland county, comprising fifty-eight acres, once known as the Joseph Lyon place. It was there he located in March, 1895, and subsequently increased the property limits by the purchase of 100 acres of the Spencer farm across the road. In Nov. 1899, fire swept away his barns and during the following year he completed a new structure 34 x 60, with a half basement for stables and wagon house on the main floor and the second story for wool and hay. It is a large modern building with accommodations for several cattle and horses and storage room for 50,000 lbs. of wool, besides room for considerable hay, grain and harnesses. Mr. Howes' business in wool averages as high as \$60,000 a year. Besides he is a natural speculator in real estate, cattle, horses, etc. During the year he employs a dozen or more wool buyers who gather in the product for miles around from several adjacent counties. In farm ventures he has usually been successful, engaging and holding agricultural property, improving it and selling it. Besides his home property he owns a very excellent farm of 272

acres in the town of Cuyler on the road from Cuyler village to Lincklaen, where he lived from 1882 to 1895, when he took up his present residence. The dairy herd shown in the accompanying engraving is on that place. It is in the corner of Chenango, Cortland and Madison counties, lies conveniently near to three villages and is well watered. About 1886, Mr. Howes began speculating in cattle and in 1892 took up handling wool, in the course of which he has gained a wide circle of acquaintances with all of whom his fair and open dealings have made him very popular in Onondaga, Chenango, Madison and Cortland counties. As a resident of the latter he has been prominently identified with the successes of his party. During the Morton campaign he was chairman of the county committee and during the years of 1890, '91 and '92 represented Cuyler on the board of supervisors. In his home village of DeRuyter across the county line he is among the first to agitate for public improvement and is considered a resident in effect if not fact. His interest in school matters led to his selection as one of the village school board. In DeRuyter he gets his mail, purchases all of his supplies and ships extensively of the products he buys. Mr. Howes was born in DeRuyter June 6, 1857, and attended the district school and DeRuyter institute. At eleven years of age he went into a book store for I. N. Smith and four years later left school to engage in teaching at Lincklaen. Altogether he taught three winter terms. Then he bought the book store of P. A. Burdick, the noted temperance lecturer—when about eighteen years of age—and shortly after sold out at a profit to start a general store on a much larger scale. His success in these two ventures, which occupied about six years of his time, encouraged him to engage in speculation and led him into the operations he has since followed. On Jan. 21, 1878, he married M. Delphine Baker of Lincklaen. They lost two children, both boys, and have two girls living, Miss Maud A., a student in the Classical course in the Cortland Normal school and little Helen Marguerite, a bright, pretty girl five years of age. Mr. Howes is identified with sev-



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RESIDENCE OF HENRY HOWES.

eral public orders including the Masons, in which he is a member of the DeRuyter lodge and the Cortland Commandery and Chapter; of the DeRuyter A. O. U. W. and the Cuyler grange. His father, LeRoy H. Howes, was a prominent buyer of real estate and hops and was well known in Madison and Cortland counties for years. He was born in Peterboro, Madison county, and in 1835, when sixteen years old, located in DeRuyter going to work for John R. Rider in the harness trade. Subsequently he went to Jamestown, Chautauqua county, but returned to DeRuyter soon after. On Sept. 10, 1840, he married Jane, the daughter of Zenas Rider. He was a strong Republican and held the office of assessor for twenty-four years. During his lifetime he acquired considerable property. His death occurred Sept. 20, 1882, and that of his wife Sept. 12, 1874. Both were buried in a pleasant lot in the village cemetery. Their children are Emma

of the church. This present year funds are being raised to support and educate a boy in India. The regular devotional services are held one hour previous to the preaching service on Sunday evening and the business meeting occurs the first Tuesday evening of each month, and at present the Literary department has arranged for a short literary program at each monthly meeting. The Epworth league celebrated the eleventh anniversary, May 15, 1900, by holding a "Birthday Party," to which a large number of former members and friends kindly responded. Only two deaths have occurred during the nine years, the first was the president, Mrs. Frances Wells, who died at Plainfield, N. J., and the recent loss of George H. Hayes, for whom the league held a "Memorial service" on Sunday evening, April 29, 1900. The present officers are: Pres., Frank Connell; First Vice (spiritual), Mary Hollenbeck; Second Vice (mercy and help), Millie



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HENRY HOWES' FARM AND STOCK.

Mr. Howes and Favorite.
Home Farm near DeRuyter.

Dairy Herd, on Lincklaen Road Farm.
The Splendid Matched Pair.

F. (Mrs. James E. Rouse) deceased, Fred W., of Cortland, Frank L., Charles H. and Judson of DeRuyter and Henry of Cuyler.

The Epworth League, Chapter No. 6374, M. E. church, was organized Aug. 18, 1891. Miss Frances P. Draper (afterward Mrs. Dr. Wells of Plainfield, N. J.,) was the first president and was largely instrumental in the forming of the Epworth league from the former Young People's society, which had been sustained in the church for a number of years. The Epworth league is one of the strongest of the church societies, the work being thoroughly planned and carried out by an efficient corps of officers. Financially it has been one of the strong arms of the church. In 1896 the league became responsible for the securing and paying the sexton for the year. In 1897, through the personal efforts of the president, Mrs. S. W. Fiske, nearly one hundred dollars was raised for the thorough renovating of the interior

Preston; Third Vice (literary), Jessie White; Fourth Vice (social), Mrs. S. W. Fiske; Sec., Anna Lyon; Treas., J. O. Griffith.

The Ladies' Aid Society, First Baptist church, was organized in the early forties. On July 10, 1884, the society was reorganized, under the name of the Ladies United Aid Society, taking in ladies from other denominations. At this time a great deal was accomplished by the society, the church was remodeled, newly furnished and in March, 1889, was re-dedicated. The officers were Mrs. E. D. Reed, president; Mrs. I. Highley, vice-president; Miss Jennie Spear, secretary and Mrs. N. T. Coleman, treasurer. In December, 1896, the society was again reorganized under the name of the Ladies Aid Society of the First Baptist church. The present officers are Mrs. Monroe Cone, president; Miss Ella Vincent, Mrs. Duane Benjamin, Miss Nettie Ellis, vice-presidents; Miss Alice Clark, secretary; Mrs. James Carrington, treasurer.



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District Attorneys [Appointed]:—Daniel Kellogg, Sullivan, Feb. 30, 1809; Thomas H. Hubbard, Hamilton, Feb. 26, 1816; William K. Fuller, Chittenango, March 26, 1821; Philo Gridley, Hamilton, 1829; Justin Dwinelle, Cazenovia, 1837; Charles Mason, Hamilton, 1845. [Elected]:—Henry C. Goodwin, Hamilton, 1847; W. E. Lansing, Chittenango, November, 1850; D. J. Mitchell, Hamilton, 1853; A. C. Stone, Peterboro, 1856; A. N. Sheldon, Hamilton, 1859; D. W. Cameron, Cazenovia, 1862; Lambert B. Kern, Deruyter, 1865; A. Cramphin, Morrisville, 1868; G. A. Forbes, Canastota, 1871; S. B. Daboll, Brookfield, 1874; John E. Smith, Morrisville, 1877; Henry Barclay, Morrisville, 1880; John E. Smith vice Barclay resigned, 1882; Edgar N. Wilson, Cazenovia, 1883; Henry M. Aylesworth, Leonardsville, 1889; J. D. Senn, Morrisville, 1893; Michael H. Kiley, Cazenovia, 1894.

Woman's Home Missionary Society, M. E. church, was organized by the conference secretary, Mrs. W. H. York, of Oneida, Sept. 1892, Mrs. O. A. Retan being elected the first president. The conference in October took Mrs. Retan away, and at the first regular meeting Mrs. S. W. Fiske was elected president, which office she filled for three years. The regular meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month and tea meetings held quarterly. The present officers are: President, Mrs. G. W. Rosenberry; vice-president, Mrs. Geo. Hayes; secretary, Mrs. W. E. Burdick; treasurer, Mrs. E. A. Warner.

The Y. P. S. C. E., Seventh Day Baptist church, was organized Jan. 28, 1890, after a series of special meetings held in the First Baptist church. The first officers elected were: President, Rev. L. R. Swinney; secretary and treasurer, Etta J. Phillips. A constitution was drawn up by the president and adopted by the society. After a short time the "Model Constitution" was adopted. The money derived from entertainments has been devoted yearly to missionary work and other benevolent purposes both at home and abroad. The officers at the present time are: President, Frank Phillips; vice-president, Bertha Annas; treasurer, Neil Annas; organist, Bertha Annas.

Fire of '99.—In the afternoon of April 26, 1899, fire destroyed the shops and sheds of the Cazenovia Coal and Lumber Co., the furniture store of I. E. Smith and the barns and ice house of Mrs. S. M. Crumb, located in a group on the north side of Albany street next to the creek. The Pooler house and barn, the building occupied by I. E. Smith and Mrs. A. Burdick, and J. E. Rouse's house were damaged, all of these buildings being saved only by the efficiency of the firemen and the splendid water system. Mrs. Crumb's residence was badly damaged. The buildings occupied by the lumber company were a story and a half building with the gable end to the street, once used as a foundry, detached lumber sheds and an old machine shop used for storing sash, blinds and lath. Dense clouds of black smoke first gave evidence of the fire. For a time residences across the street were threatened and the occupants moved out. It was a \$12,000 fire.

The Sewing Society, Seventh Day Baptist church, was organized in 1853. The membership fee was one shilling and the weekly contributions one penny. The society met at 1 P. M. and adjourned at 5 P. M. to give its members opportunity to prepare supper at home. Later, persons in poor health and those living at a distance, were invited to remain to tea. Mrs. Chas. H. Maxson and Mrs. B. G. Stillman were elected presidents, Miss M. M. Peasley secretary and Mrs. J. R. Irish, treasurer. Mrs. H. C. Coon, Mrs. Horace Burdick, Mrs. S. M. Burdick, Mrs. Arza Coon and Mrs. L. H. Babcock were directors. Of the sixty-seven whose names appear on that roll, only six are living at the present time. In 1869 the society was reorganized under the name of the Mite society, and Mrs. Joshua Clarke was chosen president. This organization raised money for the purchase of a bell for the church, for repairing, refurnishing and painting on the outside, besides helping to pay for a new organ, and making a yearly payment on the pastor's salary. In 1896 the constitution was again revised and the name, Woman's Benevolent Society, adopted as being more expressive of the nature of the organization. In addition to looking after all the interests before mentioned it aims to contribute a stated sum for tract, missionary and educational work.



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John and Sarah Hunt, who were married Dec. 9, 1869, went to live on the old Hunt homestead at Quaker Basin that same year. There they remained about eighteen years, a happy, prosperous and greatly respected couple. In October, 1887, they bought a place in a very pretty part of Utica street, DeRuyter, where they died about two months apart, John's death occurring Sept. 5, 1899, and his wife's Nov. 28, 1899. Mr. and Mrs. Connell who went to live on the farm in 1884 took up their residence in the village of DeRuyter in Feb. 1899, in order to care for Mr. and Mrs. Hunt, who were Mrs. Connell's parents. After the death of the elderly couple their two farms and the Quaker Basin butter factory, in which Mr. Hunt owned a controlling interest, but which had been largely managed by Mr. Connell for some time before that, were left entirely in his control. Both farms are at Quaker Basin, the homestead at the west end and the other place at the east. The latter was the Adams place bought by Mr. Hunt shortly before he died. The former came into the family in 1841, the property of William Hunt, his father, who disposed of it in 1866 when he moved to Pompey Hollow. Mr. Charles Hunt, a brother to John, afterwards bought it and it has since passed down in the family to Mrs. Connell, the present owner. Mr. and Mrs. Connell were married Nov. 21, 1883, and their only child is Bessie S., who was born Sept. 20, 1887. They are accustomed to large farming and there will be no change in the de-

tails of the late Mr. Hunt's interests. Mr. Connell was born in DeRuyter Nov. 5, 1862, and Mrs. Connell's birth was in the same town on June 3, 1859. Both entertain a deep interest greater than property values command, in the old family home and the associations that cluster about it. Mr. Connell is a member of the DeRuyter Lodge F. & A. M. and the grange. Both are prominent members of the M. E. church. Mr. John Hunt, while not an avowed Quaker himself, was a descendant of a line of Quakers reaching back to the arrival in Massachusetts of seven Quaker brothers. The son of one of them was James Hunt, the paternal grandfather of John, who settled in DeRuyter in 1813, coming here from Cambridge, Washington county, where William Hunt, the next to the youngest of his eight children was born Jan. 30, 1801. William was twelve years old when his father hewed out of the dense forests on Quaker Hill a home for his large family. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Zephaniah and Hannah Breed, then living in Harford, Cortland county. They lived on Quaker Hill a short time before William bought the farm at Quaker Basin. A few years

later he rebuilt the house—that which is standing to-day. He was a prominent supporter of the old Quaker Basin church and widely known. He died at Pompey Hollow Feb. 10, 1888, surviving his wife for more than twelve years, her death having occurred Dec. 29, 1875. John Hunt was born in the town of DeRuyter March 1, 1826, and was the oldest of nine children. Those who survive him are Charles of Delphi, James of DeRuyter, (see sketch of James Hunt), Mary (Mrs. Frank Drake) of Georgetown, N. Y., and Haunah (Mrs. Henry Carpenter) of Manlius, N. Y. William Edwin met his death on the battlefield in "the war of '61." On Sept. 23, 1852, John Hunt married Sarah, the daughter of David and Elizabeth Wright of DeRuyter. Mr. Hunt's two daughters came from this marriage. She died at Pompey Hollow July 19, 1868. The



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second wife who accompanied Mr. Hunt to the end of his journey—a period of thirty years—but who gave him no children, was the widow of Milan Harrington, who died at Richford, Tioga county, and the daughter of Seneca and Margaret Howard who settled in Harford, Cortland county at an early period.

James H. Poole was admitted to the practice of law at the general term in Syracuse Nov. 20, 1891, after taking a regular law course at Cornell university where he was graduated with honors in June of that year. During the period subsequent to his admission to the bar from 1891 to Jan. 1896, he was located at DeRuyter in the office of Lambert B. Kern. Then he opened his present office in the old Parsons bank building on Utica street and has followed a general practice of law ever since. He was born March 20, 1866, in the town of Fabius, Onondaga county, and attended the district schools in Cortland and Madison counties. Later he was a student at the DeRuyter institute where he was graduated in June, 1889. During the time he attended that institution he served as clerk in the postoffice at DeRuyter, taught school one term and studied law. In politics he is a thorough, active Democrat, being a member of the town committee with which he has been identified six or seven years. On June 12, 1895, he was married to Irene Samson of DeRuyter. He is a member of the Masonic

order. William H. Poole, his father, has been a resident of the town of DeRuyter and vicinity all of his life and is prominent in agricultural societies. For several years he was engaged in business in this village. He is also well known for his life-long, sterling Democracy.

Christian Endeavor Society, Congregational church, was organized Jan. 15, 1897, by Mrs. C. Bull, wife of our pastor, Rev. D. W. Bull, with fifteen active and seventeen associate members. Mrs. C. Bull, president; Miss C. Mitchell, vice-president; Miss Dora Bull, secretary; Miss Maud DeLong, treasurer. The work which has been encouraging and helpful to the church from the beginning is carried on through six departments with their several committees. Devotional meetings are held every Sunday evening, one hour before the regular preaching service. Regular business is conducted once a month. The officers for the year 1900 are: Mrs. Ida Hill, president; Miss Josephine Mitchell, vice-president; Mrs. M. A. Ford, secretary; Miss Louis DeLamater, treasurer. The society has contributed in many ways in helping to furnish the church and assisting to pay the pastor's salary and by placing three fine windows in the church parlors, also by helping to support our foreign missionary, Mr. Taylor, in Africa; also bearing their share of all church work, fully realizing their dependence on Divine Providence and the support of their pledge—Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ, and are endeavoring to lead a Christian life encouraged by the support and co-operation of their pastor, Rev. D. W. Bull.

Early Fires—Five conflagrations are on record in the history of DeRuyter. In other places will be found descriptions of the "Fire of '58," "Fire of '90" and "Fire of '99." In about '60 or '61 Mathew Williams' store and J. W. Clark's hotel barn were burned. On the morning of Dec. 26, 1878, fire destroyed G. F. Annas & Co.'s hardware store, A. N. Annas' dwelling, the town building, J. P. Russell's store and L. B. Kern's law office. This loss was \$20,000.



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RESIDENCE OF H. P. MITCHELL.



Benjamin Photo. POSTMASTER H. P. MITCHELL AND STAFF.
George Burdick (now at school). Clarence Mitchell.

Henry P. Mitchell, the postmaster of DeRuyter, received his commission by the appointment of President McKinley Dec. 20, 1898, and took possession of the office January 1, 1899. He was town clerk one term and at the present time is a member of the school board, an office which he has held nine years. He has been for three terms a village trustee. He is prominently identified with the Republican party in the town. During the first year of his incumbency the postoffice did a business of over two hundred dollars in excess of any previous year. Daniel Q. Mitchell, his father, represented the Home Insurance company for twenty years and upon his death which occurred Feb. 4, 1881, the agency for the company went into the hands of his son, so that next February this agency will have been in the family forty years. Mr. Daniel Mitchell was born in DeRuyter, his father, Oliver Mitchell, being one of the early settlers in the village and a large land owner. The site of the Seventh Day Baptist church was donated by him for that purpose.

Daniel Mitchell was a prominent lawyer, a leading man of the town and during the war was in the enlistment office at Oswego. His brother, D. J. Mitchell, was a prominent lawyer at Syracuse. Aaron and George H. Mitchell were his brothers. The latter, who is in the wholesale house of Dunham, Buckley & Co. of New York, with whom he has been for several years, is the sole survivor of the brothers. Lydia Manchester of Hamilton is a sister. Mr. H. P. Mitchell has been successful in the insurance business, having worked up a large business from a small beginning and from time to time has added new companies to his agency until now he represents seven of the leading fire companies, including the Hartford, which he has had for eighteen years, and one life insurance company. He has always been among those who are identified with local enterprises. He was one of the organizers of the DeRuyter driving park and agricultural

society and during the past seven years has been its secretary. He was one of the reorganizers of the cemetery association which took the institution when its affairs were at low ebb and bought and laid out new grounds and placed it on a paying basis. Mr. Mitchell was born March 24, 1854, in DeRuyter and was educated in the schools of this village. During the six years preceding his father's death he traveled for a Rochester nursery firm and during the earlier period of his life he clerked in different places including two years in New York. He was also in business in Chicago for awhile. On Dec. 23, 1879, he married Elsie V., the daughter of Charles W. Brown, an old resident of DeRuyter. They have one son, Clarence D., who is the assistant postmaster.

Fire of '90—On the morning of April 24, 1890, fire was discovered in the rear of Smith & Fiske's store on the southeast corner of Albany and Lincklaen streets in the Merchant block. In six minutes the firemen had a stream directed on the blaze. Water was then taken from small cisterns built for fire purposes. The flames were apparently under control when the reservoir gave out, and the engine had to be moved elsewhere. This gave time for a revival of the flames with the result of the complete destruction of three business blocks, three residences and a barn. The fire was discovered by Mrs. W. W. Ames, wife of the editor of the Gleaner and the latter clad only in his night garment ran to the firebell and gave the alarm. Besides the business firms who suffered from the fire eight families were turned into the street, viz.: G. A. Spaulding, J. H. Babcock, Geo. Samson, James Burtis, Silas Stillman, Henry Nott, L. C. Coon and Jashup Weaver. The list of sufferers and losses are as follows: Smith & Fiske, general store, \$22,200; C. J. York, store, \$10,000; Rider & Blye, \$1,400; H. C. Miner, \$3,000; J. Carrington, \$1,500; G. A. Spaulding, \$800; H. S. Walker, \$1,025; H. J. Reed, \$200; F. E. Tallett, \$175; Mrs. J. Spear,



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\$200; F. & A. M., \$600; A. O. U. W., \$280; E. H. Lee, \$400; J. E. Rouse, \$100; R. F. Clark, \$100; W. W. Ames, \$200; O. M. Blanchard, \$25; Jesse Stillman, \$500; Dr. S. S. Clark, \$1,000; Henry Nott, \$275.

Morell E. Tallett is one of the largest buyers of potatoes and apples in this part of Madison county. His interest in the development of the village and the expansion of local trade has led him to support any legitimate proposition intended to foster local enterprise. In March, 1879, he came to DeRuyter, accepting the position of agent for the Lehigh Valley railroad. He bought the coal business then carried on by J. H. Crumb and erected a building with trestle to accommodate it. To secure the required accommodations for his produce business he constructed a storehouse opposite the railroad station which has a capacity for the storage of 7,000 bushels of potatoes and two or three carloads of apples. At one time this business was increased to the extent that he handled yearly more produce than had previously been handled in the village. A good deal of his shipments are made at adjacent railroad stations. In addition to coal he sells lime, plaster, cement and brick. He has dealt in and is a great admirer of high bred horses; and he is the owner of a fine team which he highly values. When the DeRuyter Banking company was organized, of which he was one of the incor-

porators, he was chosen the vice-president and a director, which positions he has held since then. He is also high in masonry, being a member of the DeRuyter lodge, the Cortland Chapter and Commandery and the Utica shrine. Being a staunch and unwavering supporter of the Republican party, he is closely affiliated with the leaders throughout the county and was one of the organizers of the party symposium known as the Madison County Social club of which he is one of the directors. Mr. Tallett was born in Otselic, Chenango county, April 10, 1850, where he resided until his removal to DeRuyter. John J. Tallett, his father, who came to that town from Brookfield, Madison county, lived and died a farmer, greatly respected by all who knew him. Morell E. Tallett received his education in the district school and the DeRuyter institute. Afterwards taught several terms. In 1872 he accepted the position of agent for the Norwich and DeRuyter branch of the old Oswego Midland (N. Y., O. & W.) railroad, and it was then he began the business of buying and selling produce and coal. On March 4, 1873, co-incident with the inauguration of President Grant for a second term, he was united in marriage with Nellie A., the daughter of Alden Mason of Otselic. Mr. and Mrs. Tallett own and occupy the large residence formerly the property of Lambert B. Kern, a charming village home.

The Fire of '58 [for other conflagrations see "Early Fires," also "Fire of '90" and "Fire of '99"] started in the Annas hotel barn which, together with three other buildings, was destroyed. Those burned out were: Three story brick block, Mathew Williams' grocery and saloon and Frank Taylor's harness shop and residence; three story stone double building—Lafayette block—W. J. Ayer, hardware, and George and Deloss Sears, general store; Gage residence. While the goods were being removed a lumber wagon drove up and the men were told to place the goods in it. When this was done the wagon and goods disappeared, and were never seen again. The total loss was about \$15,000.



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RESIDENCE OF M. E. TALLETT.



Benjamin Photo. COAL WAREHOUSE AND TRESTLE OF M. E. TALLETT.

Ezra Cornell, founder of Cornell university, grew up a tall, lean, bashful country boy, on Crumb Hill, town of DeRuyter. The old home which he built with his own hands, stands on the brow of the mountain in plain view from the streets of DeRuyter, four miles distant, a wrecked deserted building. The pottery which stood near the door-yard entrance when in use years ago, is now a part of the tumble down barns. The grandest prospect and dearest associations impress the visitor. The old place should be preserved by the county historical society. Rev. L. R. Swinney writing to the Souvenir says that Ezra's parents, Elijah and Eunice, followed through life the style and speech of the Society of Friends. Also that after marriage, (July 4, 1805) Elijah engaged in ship building for awhile, then moved to DeRuyter and settled on Crumb Hill. Subsequently he lived at Westchester Landing, Westchester county, where Ezra was born, Jan. 11, 1807, and in 1819 returned to Crumb Hill locating on the place still known as the "Cornell place." Here Elijah made pottery which he sold in the adjacent section and the neighboring villages. On the brow of the hill, with a charming view of Quaker Basin and the valley south, was a log dwelling and there Mr. Cornell put up a large log building for his extensive pottery trade. When Ezra was seventeen years

old he planned the frame of a dwelling house which was so admirably done, to the astonishment of the neighbors, that he was henceforth looked upon as the "coming man" of the whole community. This house when completed was the best in the town of DeRuyter and the first frame house on the hill. In the old schoolhouse south of the present one and in the devout meetings at Quaker Basin, Ezra received his intellectual and religious training. He was a very apt scholar with a fondness for mathematics and skillful in all mechanical contrivances and through life an upright, noble man. He was strong and muscular, standing six feet high and seemed to have a prodigious capacity for hard work. While still

a boy he took and cleared four acres of heavy beech timber so he could go to school one whole winter and pay his own expenses. With a worthy ambition at eighteen he went to the hamlet of Syracuse and cut timber for the canal trade, then worked in Homer and finally went to Ithaca on foot, which was his usual way of traveling. Here he labored and saved and helped build up the village till the financial crisis of 1837 threw him out of employment. He was married to Mary Ann Wood in Dryden, N. Y., March 19, 1831, and henceforth his wife was his worthy helpmeet and companion. His wife not being of the Friends persuasion his name was excluded from the Society of Friends, but Ezra continued through life a quiet believer in the faith of his parents.



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LEHIGH VALLEY R. R. STATION.

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"Grip's" Historical Souvenir of DeRuyter fulfills several missions. It carries the news and perpetuates the scenes and historical data, which instruct and entertain a community. It records the approximate value to the village of the business and professional man. It introduces him to the men and women who are leaders in professional, financial, commercial, manufacturing and social circles. It names the enterprising and successful resident of DeRuyter. It places in durable and permanent form a valuable compilation of personal and general information which in years to come are prized beyond value. It does not lay to the soul unctious flattery. It caters not to vanity. The man of "sterling integrity" does not learn in this Souvenir that he possesses a jewel of such rare price. "Our leading," "genial," "affable" citizen are phrases unknown to its pages.

The Contributors to this Souvenir, have—perhaps unconsciously in some cases—rendered the people of DeRuyter a great service. Accuracy in writing is an important end to be obtained and it is only by a member of the society that its history can be intelligently and accurately written. We are sure that every member of the several societies which are historically presented in this Souvenir will join us in expressing thanks to the writers of these most valuable and interesting sketches. Their work will long outlast them.

The Views in this Souvenir were made by E. D. Benjamin, who is a first-class photographer. A great amount of work and considerable care was exacted, and the gentleman was especially painstaking, recognizing the fact that the character of THE SOUVENIR depended a great deal on his workmanship. In towns the size of DeRuyter, too little attention is paid to photography; but here the rule is the reverse. This is undoubtedly owing to the fact that the photographer understands his business, and generally gets excellent results.

DeRuyter, Marathon and the Telegraph—

The three pioneers in electrical development for commercial purposes went out to preach the gospel of telegraphy from two villages less than fifty

miles apart. Ezra Cornell of DeRuyter, N. Y., and G. L. Swift and Lewis S. Swift of Marathon, N. Y., went to Chicago to form a stock company for establishing a telegraph line. Cornell carried the stock books and Lewis and G. L. Swift lectured. The two latter were known as brothers although they are really consins. Commercial interests declaring the scheme impracticable, were invited to witness the demonstrations. At each end of a temporary line a hundred or so rods long sat the demonstrators. The capitalist wrote a message at one end, then walked over to the other and watched the demonstrator receive it, reading the message as he wrote it down and declaring that it was correct. But it "would not pay." To the Chicago Tribune the suggestion was made that a correspondent in New York could send that paper news over the wire. But the Tribune had no use for telegraphy. "It wouldn't pay." To-day the Tribune building is alive with clicking machines. Lewis Swift is now the world famous astronomer of the Lick observatory. G. L. Swift is at the head of the leading business interests of Marathon. Ezra Cornell is dead. Central New York bears the honor of making the first appeal to capital in the interest of commercial electricity.

The Ladies' Aid Society, M. E. church, was organized in the winter of 1885 for the purpose of aiding and assisting in the work and expenses of building the present church. The present constitution was framed and adopted Feb. 16, 1890. The present officers, 1900, are: Mrs. Chas. Hayes, president; Mrs. H. D. Preston, first vice-president; Mrs. Bert Hill, second vice-president; Miss E. D. Bugbee, secretary; Mrs. W. E. Burdick, treasurer.

H. M. Doran, the hustling salesman for the Souvenir, was born at Belvidere, Ill., Dec. 13, 1866, and is a baker by trade. For many years he followed the life of a newspaper man. Experience gained while with the Cortland Saturday Review and other papers including the DeRuyter American during the life of that journal, proved of value in his work on the Souvenir.

M. E. Sunday School.—Pioneer work in DeRuyter began on May 17, 1850, when Nelson A. Smith and L. J. Wheelock assembled the people, regardless of sect or creed, in the old union church. Elder Irish, then principal of the DeRuyter seminary, made a stirring address, after which the DeRuyter Union Sabbath School was organized, with about forty members. Its first officers were: L. J. Wheelock, superintendent, Nelson Smith, assistant; Jonathan Vail, librarian; Noah O. Coleman, assistant. This little company labored together until the approach of winter, when they were obliged to close on account of a large number of children being unprovided with clothing. Early the following spring committees made a house to house canvass soliciting funds and clothing and their appeals were not in vain. The report made by the superintendent at the close of the summer, (Nov. 9, 1851) showed best the progress of the work:—"Our school commenced May 25 and to-day is the twenty-fifth school. We commenced with about forty pupils and now have about 130 enrolled. Our average attendance has been over seventy." The spring of '52, by mutual consent, the Methodist part of the school separated themselves from the rest and founded a school which now ranks high with institutions of its kind, having a membership of nearly 150 under the leadership of Supt. J. O. Griffith. Miss Lettie McAllister is the secretary, Mr. Eugene McAllister the treasurer and Jennie Shapley the librarian.



Benjamin Photos. MRS. HARRIETT HELEN J. VINCENT.
MISS ELLA J. VINCENT.

Mrs. Harriett Helen Vincent, one of the fairest and noblest of the many splendid women for which DeRuyter has always been noted, gave society and church that radiance of personal charm which entitles her to recognition in local annals. Her father was Dr. Hubbard Smith, the first practicing physician in this village, a practitioner of sterling qualities widely known in this section. His home at the time of the birth of his daughter Harriett stood on ground now included in the Union school green. It was due to him as much as most others that DeRuyter became known as a progressive, wide awake community. Harriett Helen was born on March 31, 1809. She was blessed with that rare feminine beauty which together with her lovely qualities inherited from her parents, attracted much attention and won her popular admiration. She was greatly devoted to charity, always seeking those to whom she might administer comfort and render material assistance. When nineteen years old she married Cornelius D., the son of Judge Vincent of Cortland county, whom she survived many years. At twenty-one years of age in the course of a revival she embraced Christianity and united with the First Baptist church, in which society she ever after to the time of her death, which occurred April 23, 1892, was personally active, giving much of her time and means to its welfare. Above all else, home had in store for her the richest blessings. She raised

a large family, nine children, and gave to them a mother's loving care. At the same time she in no wise neglected her social duties which were abundant. That her death was mourned by the whole community was evidenced by the sincere expressions of sorrow and offerings of respect that were evoked at the time of that sad event. In old age she retained that remarkable beauty which too often departs as time creeps on. The last sad offices were paid to her memory by the two clergymen who officiated at the funeral, the Rev. Judson Davis and the Rev. L. R. Swinney. As the latter wrote of her "all through her life shone those quiet Christian graces, patience, gentleness and humility, which made her a rare mother and radiant Christian." Miss Ella J. Vincent, her daughter, still lives in DeRuyter, and carries on a successful millinery business. The rest of her children now living are Eunice J. (Mrs. Waite Risley) of Cuyler, and Edlie G. (Mrs. A. P. T. Beniteau) of Detroit, Mich. Those of her children deceased are Ellen J. (Mrs. Lyman J. Carter), Oscar F., P. Westerman Vincent, Randolph J., DeForest D. and Theron L.

The Junior Endeavor, Seventh Day Baptist church, was organized Jan. 8, 1898, with the following officers: President, Lilla Murray; vice-president, Lillian Stillman; secretary, Lois Holmes; treasurer, Cora Coon. The church is very fortunate in having a goodly number of boys and girls who are bright, active workers in this society. The social and floral committees have done very efficient work. The society gives yearly for benevolent purposes at home and abroad. This year the money for foreign work was sent to starving India. The present officers are: President, Leslie Swinney; vice-president, Melvin Coon; secretary, Daisy Miles; treasurer, Raymond Burdick; superintendent, Bertha Ananas.



Benjamin Photos. RESIDENCE OF MISS ELLA J. VINCENT.



Benjamin Photo. E. M. STANTON.

Edwin M. Stanton succeeded A. W. Francis to the flour and feed business in March 1899. By pursuing modern business methods, such as keeping up stock to the fullest capacity which the large warehouse will accommodate, making tempting prices with small margins and systematically reaching the dairymen by personal correspondence, he has enlarged his circle of patronage over a large dairy region. During the first six months of the present year his business has doubled that of the corresponding months of last year, although during the first twelve months of his incumbency he sold 125 cars of feed besides handling other supplies required by farmers such as flour, fertilizers and poultry supplies. The warehouse, having track connections with the Lehigh railroad, with shed accommodations for teams, is favorably situated and conveniently constructed.

It is a story and a half building 36x92 feet with a storage capacity for twelve or fifteen car loads. The business has grown so rapidly, however, that Mr. Stanton contemplates enlarging by building additional floor space and doubling his warehouse capacity. On March 1, 1896, he came to DeRuyter and bought the general merchandise business of E. B. Irish, the store now occupied by Mr. Frank Gardner. By hustling methods, wide advertising and close prices he worked up a trade which reached as high as \$25,000 a year. Mr. Stanton is the son of J. A. Stanton, a large farmer near New Woodstock, where the former was born,

Nov. 2, 1871. Upon leaving the Cazenovia seminary, he took a course in Eastman's business college at Poughkeepsie, then entered a clerkship with his uncle, C. H. Stanton at Westerly, R. I. In April, 1892, he went into the general merchandise business for himself at Truxton, which he sold out in October, 1895. During a brief ensuing period—until March 1, 1896, when he began business in DeRuyter—he sold goods on the road for D. D. Winston & Co. of Utica. On Dec. 8, 1892, he married Blanch H., the daughter of D. F. Gardner, a prosperous farmer near Sheds. He is a member of the local lodge of Masons of which he is the senior warden and is a Knight Templar belonging to the Cortland Commandery.

French Refugees.—Madison county early in the century became the home of two exiles from France, who sought security in America during the troublesome periods of the French revolution and Napoleon's rule. Angel DeFerriere, a nobleman, sought an asylum first in Holland, then in America when the throne of Louis XVI was overthrown. In company with Mr. Lincklaen he settled in Cazenovia and later met and wedded Polly, the daughter of Lewis Dennie at Canaseraga. His wife brought him a farm near Wampsville to which he added land until he became the owner of 3,000 acres. He returned to France in 1817 and received his heritage which he brought back with him. At the age of 63 years, Sept. 17, 1832, he died on his Wampsville estates. The fortunes of Louis Anathe Muller, known as the "French Count" in the tales of old residents of the town of Georgetown are more fully described on another page (see Muller Chateaux, p. 60). But it is interesting to note that the estates of the two French exiles were separated by only a few miles of virgin forests; that it is not probable that either was aware of the fact, although both were distinguished in the court of Louis XVI and probably knew one another, and that they returned to France to secure legal claim to their heritage only two or three years apart and then came back to America, one to settle upon his Wampsville estates and the other to dispose of his deserted chateaux. Muller was only six years older than DeFerriere.



Benjamin Photo. FLOUR AND FEED STORE OF E. M. STANTON.



MR. AND MRS. O. L. STILLMAN.

MR. AND MRS. B. I. BROWN.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville L. Stillman have a delightful home on the west shore of Tioughnioga lake, in the town of DeRuyter, four miles north of the village. Forty-five acres of fertile soil including the summit and eastern slope of a range of hills parallel to the lake and having a rise above the normal level of about 400 feet and comprising a broad strip of level shore land, have mostly been brought to a high state of cultivation by hard work and close attention. Remarkable success has been achieved in raising berries and small fruits. The buildings standing at the head of a gradual rise of about fifty feet above the lake, afford an outlook of water and hill scenery that is not surpassed in this locality. Mr. and Mrs. Stillman have many friends who deem a visit to this beautiful home a rare treat. Mr. Stillman was born in Lincklaen, Chenango county, N. Y., Jan. 14, 1836. His father, Sanford B., when a young man, came from Stonington, Ct., and settled in Lincklaen, where besides taking land he worked as a carpenter and builder. He died in Lincklaen about 1866. Of a family of six children two girls are dead. George R. lives in DeRuyter and Frank LaFloyd is a resident of Cortland. Mrs. Emma Poole, their surviving sister, resides in Lincklaen. Orville L. attended the DeRuyter academy in 1856-'60 and on January 4 of the latter year he married Adeline E. Ackley of Lincklaen who died in 1888. By this marriage there were two sons, D. L. Stillman

of Syracuse, and Arthur A. of Tully, N. Y. Their only daughter Alice, a lovable and accomplished woman and a skilled musician who was very popular with all who knew her, especially in DeRuyter where she was in considerable demand as an organist in the churches, died at the age of twenty years, the wife of B. J. Brown. Mr. O. L. Stillman was a recruit in the 114th New York infantry. His enlistment was in August, 1864, and he served in some of the hottest of Sheridan's campaigns, being wounded at Winchester. He was mustered out June 19, 1865. Before leaving to go into the army he purchased the farm he now occupies. This has since then been his home, except for about seven years during a part of which time he was engaged in making cheese at Cuyler. Mrs. Stillman, his second wife, to whom he was married August 11, 1888, was Diantha Sanders, afterwards Mrs. Burdick. Her home was in Lincklaen at the time of her marriage and she was born in the town of DeRuyter. Her father was a farmer but the latter part of his years he was a grocer in DeRuyter.

The Y. P. S. C. E., First Baptist church, was organized on Nov. 26, 1889, to meet the needs of the young people. Its first officers were: President, Jennie Spear; vice-president, Frank Clark; recording secretary, Carrie Mitchell; treasurer, Merton Nicholas. In the year 1895, this society entertained the county convention of Y. P. S. C. E. Merton Nicholas of this village acting as president of the county convention. Its present officers are: President, C. E. Babbitt; vice-president, Nettie Ellis; recording secretary, Grace Nicholas; corresponding secretary, Nettie Ellis; treasurer, Alice Clark. The Committees: Prayer Meeting: Carrie Mitchell, Lena Rizley, Bessie Wakley, Chas. Clark. Music: Grace Utter, Rena Lee, Gertie Applegate, Alice Clark, Lettie Baker. Lookout: Merton Nicholas, Jennie Spear, Alice Clark, John Green. Social: Jessie Lane, Grace Utter, Lettie Baker. Sunday-school: Delia Baker, Matie Root, Rena Lee. Temperance: Frank Clark, Grant Rizley, Channing Babbitt.



Benjamin Photo. THE FARM OF O. L. STILLMAN, west shore Tioughnioga Lake.



MRS. AGNES E. RAINEY.

W. W. RAINEY.

W. W. Rainey located in DeRuyter in 1894 and has since engaged in the harness business. Having an experience in trade covering many years and extending over wide fields, he possesses a capacity for broad liberal dealings which has given him an extensive acquaintanceship among prominent men in the business circles of the state. As an auction salesman he enjoys a reputation which he has been years in building up, both in city and country. At a rural fair or in a large commercial house he is equally at home. In the former case bantering with a customer who is looking for "bargain whips thrown in" or in the latter instance deftly displaying to wealthy patrons articles in broad-cloth and other rich trophies of a business that is to be wound up, his proverbial originality and humor are entertaining and effective. No man in his profession is better known in Syracuse where he followed it for many years. He is also widely known among the Odd Fellows and Masons in both of which orders he has taken the higher degrees. In the latter he is a member of the uniformed ranks, the Cortland Commandery and Chapter; also the Patriarch Militant fourth regiment of which he is the chaplain, department of New York, I. O. O. F., and the subordinate lodges. His early years were spent on a farm in Madison county. John Rainey, his father, was a merchant at Leonardsville, Madison county, early in the century and afterwards resided in the

town of Pitcher and at Cincinnati. His death occurred at Truxton. W. W. Rainey was born in Pitcher Aug. 14, 1837. At seventeen years of age he entered the general store of John Rider at DeRuyter and four years later went to work for Merriam & McCracken as a clerk in Syracuse. On Aug. 27, 1860, he married Agnes E., the daughter of Noah T. Coleman of DeRuyter, and one year later entered upon a clerkship in the drygoods house of D. McCarthy & Co., Syracuse, where he held profitable positions as a salesman in different departments by promotion for nine years. In 1870 he began his career as an auction salesman by opening an auction house in Syracuse with R. P. York under the firm name of Rainey & York. The firm was dissolved three years later, but in 1880, he opened Rainey's auction rooms in the Bastable block where in the course of the several years he carried it on, everything from a peanut to a province was sold under the hammer. This occupation he also followed in many eastern and western cities where he often went under contract to dispose of large stocks of goods. Since locating in DeRuyter he is often called out for the same service.

County Judges.—Isaac Foote, 1800–1806; Peter Smith, Peterboro, appointed June 10, 1807; Justin Dwinelle, Cazenovia, app. Feb. 7, 1823; James B. Eldredge, Hamilton, app. March 16, 1833; John B. Yates, Chittenango, app. March 16, 1837; Thomas Barlow, Canastota, app. Jan. 24, 1843. Elected—James W. Nye, Hamilton, June, 1847; Sidney T. Holmes, Morrisville, November, 1851; Joseph Mason, Hamilton, 1863; Charles L. Kennedy, Morrisville, 1867; B. Franklin Chapman, app. vice Kennedy, deceased, Jan. 24, 1883; Alfred D. Kennedy, Nov. 6, 1883; John E. Smith, app. 1899, vice Kennedy, deceased—elected November, 1899.



Benjamin Photos. RESIDENCE OF W. W. RAINEY.

THE DRIVE



MRS. EMILY OTIS COLEMAN.

Photos—Favor of Mrs. Rainey. NOAH T. COLEMAN.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah T. Coleman were among the most prominent of the early residents of DeRuyter, who have passed away, the first named in 1888 and his wife, Aug. 6, 1895. Mr. Coleman was born in Otsego county Dec. 30, 1809 and came to DeRuyter when thirteen years old and entered the store of Col. Jencks, where he soon rose from position to position until he managed the business including the annual purchase of goods in Albany and their transportation hither by teams. Thrifty and enterprising he soon acquired a business of his own and for many years he was one of the merchants of the village who made it a prominent center of trade. His father, Noah H. Coleman, was a pioneer in Otsego county and later engaged in the drug business at Cazenovia. He and his wife, Mary, the daughter of John Tunnicliffe, spent their last years at Exeter, Otsego Co. Emily Otis, the wife of Noah T. Coleman and the daughter of Jacob Otis, was born in Truxton Aug. 26, 1809, and lived to the venerable age of 86 years. She was a woman of rare and excellent qualities, a fond mother and a favorite in social circles. Her father came from Colchester, Ct., first settling in Saratoga county where he began his mercantile career and afterwards in the early part of the century in Truxton, bringing with him his wife, Agnes Austin, whom he married in Massachusetts. Mrs. Coleman was the third of a family of seven children, the others being Austin W., Augusta, Ann Eliza, William H., Charles and Maria. She was educated in the Cortland female seminary. Mr. and Mrs. Coleman had two sons and two daughters: Noah Otis

who married Emma Carpenter by whom there was one son, Frederick A.; Agnes, the wife of W. W. Rainey; William H., who wedded Carrie Murphy and had one son, Noah T., a young man who gave up his life in the United States naval service during the late Spanish-American war; and Mary T., the wife of Dewitt DeLong, by whom she has two children, Otis, living in Syracuse, and Maud, living at home. Noah T. Coleman, the young cadet, an ensign on the Iowa, died at San Francisco Sept. 21, 1899, the result of exposure during the Spanish war. His remains were buried at Oakwood, Syracuse, with military honors on Memorial day, 1900, having been placed in a vault during the interim following his death.

Erection of Towns.—DeRuyter, March 15, 1798; Sullivan, Feb. 22, 1803; Nelson, March 13, 1807; Smithfield, March 13, 1807; Fenner, April 22, 1823; Eaton, Lebanon and Madison, Feb. 6, 1807; Lenox, March 3, 1809; Georgetown, April 7, 1815; Stockbridge, May 20, 1836; Oneida and Lincoln, 1896; Cazenovia, Brookfield and Hamilton, March 5, 1795.



NOAH T. COLEMAN.

The First Store in DeRuyter township was kept by Samuel Bowen a short distance north of the village.



Benjamin Photos. W. W. RAINEY'S STORE. NOAH T. COLEMAN'S STORE.



Benjamin Photo. W. E. BURDICK.

Wallace E. Burdick, president of the village, is warmly interested in all improvements that advance the interests of the village and is foremost among those who seek to promote its growth and well being. For several years he was at the head of the fire department in which he was zealously engaged in making it an effective branch of the local government. As a member of the board of education he was an active supporter of modern methods in public education and the enlargement and greater efficiency of the DeRuyter schools. The profession of law, to which he was admitted in Binghamton in 1868, and in which he has an extensive practice as well as his activity in politics, has given him a wide circle of acquaintances in Central New York. Being an ardent and earnest worker in the Democratic party and a leading member of the county committee he has a large personal following at home and a close acquaintanceship with the state leaders. Mr. Burdick is a native of New England, born in Burlington, Vt., in 1847. In his childhood his parents moved to Onondaga county, residing at Brewerton where he attended school. He afterwards completed his education in the DeRuyter institute. Subsequently he spent a few years in business in New York city but in the early sixties came to DeRuyter where he studied law with Miner & Kern, one of the most prominent law firms of the county. Upon his admission to the bar, he practiced in company with Messrs. Kern &

Miner until 1882 when he opened an office of his own. In 1885 he received the appointment of postmaster from President Cleveland and served one term. This recognition of his leadership in local Democracy gave him a standing at the head of his party in his town which he has since maintained. Through his personal influence it has been made possible to fill some of the offices in this Republican town and village with Democrats—Mr. Burdick leading the way through his own election as a justice of the peace. His law practice comprises and supplements that enjoyed for years by Miner & Kern and has proven lucrative. Mr. Burdick has a pleasant home on Cortland street. His son George, who at the time the compilation of this work began, was a clerk in the postoffice at DeRuyter, is now a student at the Syracuse university. Many village improvements are due to the foresight and enterprise of Mr. Burdick, as president, who has the utmost confidence in the future growth and commercial expansion of DeRuyter.

Ladies' Aid Society, First Congregational Church—On the evening of July 6, 1896, a small circle of ladies met at the home of Mrs. F. A. Tallett and organized the society, Mrs. H. C. Blanchard acting as chairman and Mrs. I. E. Smith secretary. There was then no church of that denomination in DeRuyter but it was hoped and believed that with the aid of friends there would be one. Our first officers elected were: President, Mrs. Emmett Nash; first vice-president, Mrs. F. A. Tallett; second vice-president, Mrs. M. C. Godfrey; secretary, Mrs. I. E. Smith; treasurer, Mrs. H. C. Blanchard; mite gatherers, Mrs. Mary DeLong, Mrs. H. P. Mitchell, Mrs. W. H. Hill. After appointing committees for different purposes, the little circle adjourned to hold its first social at the home of Mrs. Sarah Mitchell July 16, 1896, at which time several new members joined us. We have at present nearly fifty members and are prospering finely. Our present officers are: President, Mrs. DeLacy Benjamin; secretary, Mrs. I. E. Smith; treasurer, Mrs. A. W. Francis.



Benjamin Photo. RESIDENCE OF W. E. BURDICK.



MRS. BLANCHE M. SMITH.
Benjamin Photo.

I. E. SMITH.

Ira E. Smith, the largest furniture dealer and undertaker in the town of DeRuyter, has been engaged in the business in this village since Dec. 6, 1886. Actively interested as he has been in all improvements which promise to help in creating business activity and growth of population in the village, Mr. Smith is generally among the first to devise and promote public improvement. As one of the village trustees in 1896 he helped plan and carry into effect measures which secured to the village the present adequate and indispensable water supply system (See sketch, "The Water Supply," on another page). On April 26, 1899, Mr. Smith's business place was destroyed by fire, but with that enterprising spirit for which he is noted he rebuilt in a style of architecture and at an expense which sets an example worthy of emulation a business block of three stories with a massive store front and a very pretty connecting residential structure that are an ornament to the village. It is a spacious store well filled with an assortment of furniture and accessories above comparison with any other stock in the same line in this county or adjacent villages in Cortland county. Mr. Smith is an active and enthusiastic Republican in politics and a member of the DeRuyter Lodge, F. & A. M. The business is the outgrowth of a chair factory connected with a large planing mill, machine shops, lumber yard and a general business in

agricultural implements, which was established about fifty years ago by Joseph Crumb, who succeeded A. S. & H. A. Gardner who for several years were engaged in the carriage and cabinet manufacturing business in connection with a real estate and undertaking business. Adjoining were old buildings which were occupied by the Cazenovia Lumber company and were burned (see sketch "Fire of 1899" on another page). Mr. Smith was born in Lincklaen, Chenango Co., N. Y., Aug. 29, 1855. His father, Richard P. Smith, a native of Chatham, Columbia Co., N. Y., settled on a farm in Lincklaen early in the twenties and there he died Oct. 6, 1883, in his seventy-eighth year. Ira Smith left the farm when he came to DeRuyter in 1886. On Oct. 2, 1889, he married Blanche M., the daughter of Frank D. and Nancy (Angell) Wire.

Death Penalty.—The first execution in Madison county was that of Alpheus Hitchcock, who was tried and convicted at the first term of oyer and terminer which convened in a school house in the town of Sullivan on July 3, 1807. Hitchcock was hanged at Cazenovia Sept. 11, 1807, for the murder of his wife by poison, near Madison village on April 6, 1807. Mary Antone was hanged at Peterboro Sept. 30, 1814, for the murder of an Indian girl who had won her lover. Abram Antone killed John Jacobs who was the principal witness against his daughter Mary, in 1815. For several years he was in hiding, but he was executed at Morrisville Sept. 12, 1823. Lewis Wilber was hanged at Morrisville Oct. 3, 1839, for the murder of Robert Barber, August 30, 1837. John Hadcock was hanged at Morrisville, Feb. 24, 1854, for the murder of Mrs. Mary Gregg.



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Ed. & Prop. DeRuyter Gleaner.

Warren W. Ames, proprietor of the DeRuyter Gleaner, was born in DeRuyter, February 25, 1850, being the third of the eight sons of Fordyce W. and Electa E. Ames. He was educated in the district schools and at DeRuyter institute. In the fall of 1868 he went to Coffee county, Tenn., where he remained a year as teacher; the following winter he taught in Libertyville, Ill., and for the two succeeding winters in his native state. After working a year in the DeRuyter New Era office he founded, April 18, 1872, (in connection with Sackett Hart, who retired three months later) the Cape Vincent (N. Y.) Eagle, which he published five years; in 1876 he purchased the Clayton Independent, publishing both papers one year. In 1878 he sold the Independent, returned to DeRuyter and established the Gleaner, which he still publishes. He is also the patentee of the Ames addressing machine, which is used in several hundred printing offices throughout the country. Mr. Ames was married February 17, 1872, to Miss Ella M. Wilcox of Lincklaen, N. Y. They have one son, Clifford W., born September 17, 1878; three children, born in Jefferson county, died of diphtheria in the fall of 1877. Politically, Mr. Ames is a Republican. In 1887 he served as town clerk; in 1894 he was elected supervisor, which office he held for six years, declining a renomination in the fall of 1899.

The Newspapers of DeRuyter.—The first paper we can find trace of was the DeRuyter Herald, established November 5, 1834, by C. W. Mason. It was a weekly, with four pages of five columns each, and contained little or no local news. The publisher announces that the "office

is in the yellow building opposite the Presbyterian church. Terms, \$2.00 a year in advance. To good responsible post riders a handsome deduction will be made." Its columns were well filled with advertising, and a glance at them may be interesting. Miss H. M. Rice announced the opening on April 1, 1835, of her "Select school for Young Ladies;" Mrs. Mason offered her services as milliner, Miss M. Fish as milliner and dressmaker, Z. T. Bentley as attorney, Ira Spencer as druggist; J. N. Elmore, Israel Smith, E. D. Jencks and Crandall & Walker offer for sale general mer-



Borrowed Photo. FIVE GENERATIONS.

Mrs. Celma (Atkina) Ames-Briggs; the elderly gentleman, Fordyce W. Ames. The other gentleman, Henry R. Ames; the lady his daughter, Mrs. Fred Coon; the babe, Howard Coon.

chandise; Sutton, Sears & Co. advertise as tanners, with boots and shoes for their customers;

LeBaron Goodwin and J. R. Rider & Co., offer saddles, harnesses and trunks; C. & P. Judson are announced as hotel keepers, S. G. & G. Sears as wool buyers, and Brainard & Gage (father of the present Secretary of the Treasury) as hatters. George Sears was postmaster. A. F. Bunker advertised the "DeRuyter Springs," some two miles north of the village, in those days a popular resort. The Herald lived but a year and was succeeded in 1836 by the Protestant Sentinel, which was moved here from Schenectady; its office was in the school building until the spring of 1837, when it moved into the Stillman block. In the fall of 1837 the proprietors, J. & C. H. Maxson, sold it to W. D.



Benjamin Photo. THE GLEANER BUILDING.



Benjamin Photo. THE DERUYTER GLEANER STAFF.

1.—C. W. Ames, foreman. 2.—J. W. Howes, compositor. 3.—Harry B. Frink, compositor. 4.—Clare Murray, compositor. 5.—A. W. Cone, pressman.

Cochran, who changed its name to the Protestant Sentinel and Seventh-Day Baptist Journal; in 1840 it passed into the hands of Greene, Campbell & Burdick, who rechristened it as the Seventh-Day Baptist Register and sold it the following year to James Bailey, who continued its proprietor until 1845. The paper subsequently moved to New York, thence to Westerly, R. I., thence to Alfred Center, N. Y. and a few years since to Plainfield, N. J., where it is still published as the Sabbath Recorder, the organ of the Seventh-Day Baptists. For nearly two years DeRuyter was without a local paper when, in 1847, appeared the National Banner, a monthly devoted to literature, temperance and news. Its founder, A. C. Hills, was a gifted young man; after some two years he moved to Deposit and started the Back-Woodsman, with which he filled out the unexpired subscriptions of the Banner. In September, 1848, E. F. & C. B. Gould commenced the publication of the Central New-Yorker, over the store of Williams &

Coon, in the Lafayette block (corner of Cortland and Division streets, on site of the store now occupied by E. S. Newitt). The Students' Mirror, a semi-monthly established by the students of DeRuyter institute in February, 1849, gave the place three papers for a time, but all were short lived. The field was vacant when, in 1851, C. P. Walker and A. C. Hills started a weekly paper entitled the Banner of the Times. This lingered for four years, and following its demise the people of DeRuyter were for nine years without a local journal. The field seems to have been very barren. It was not until the country was in the throes of civil war, in the fall of 1862, that a printer again attempted to eke out an existence here. At that time J. E. N. Backus founded the DeRuyter Weekly News and a little later a monthly, the Sabbath-school Gem. Both died in 1864, and for six years DeRuyter was again without a paper. In September, 1870, John R. Beden commenced the publication of the DeRuyter New Era, a Republican weekly. I. N. Smith was for a time associated with him as editor, and A. V. Bentley, Esq., the veteran postmaster, attorney and justice, contributed forcible articles to its editorial page for many years. The New Era suspended early in 1880. May 6th of that year C. E. Beekman and L. D. Blanchard purchased the plant and resumed the publication of the paper; June 4, 1884, it was consolidated with the weekly Gleaner. The weekly Gleaner was established September 18, 1878, by W. W. Ames. It was a six column folio, at \$1.00 a year, issued from the Stillman block. The

plant consisted of a Washington hand press, a Novelty hand inking jobber and about \$250 worth of other material. To this constant additions have been made until to-day the Gleaner plant is one of the best to be found in a village of similar size in the state. A cylinder press was purchased in January, 1883, and the paper enlarged to a seven



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RESIDENCE OF C. W. AMES.



E. H. COON.

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MRS. IDA A. COON.

column folio; in December of the same year the office was moved into the Gleaner building, shown herewith. April 26, 1894, the paper was enlarged to a six-column quarto, the price remaining at \$1.00 a year. Since July 12, 1894, the subscription business has been conducted on the cash-in-advance plan, which has proved very satisfactory to both publisher and patrons. The equipment of the Gleaner office is complete and up-to-date. It occupies the entire lower floor of the large building, which is heated by a Kelsey furnace, lighted throughout with gas and piped for hot and cold water on every floor. A Pelton water motor drives the Babcock Standard press, the 10x15 Golding duplex and large-eighth Prouty jobbers and the Golding folder. The outfit of type is very large and it is nearly all on the self-spacing or point systems. The regular weekly issue of the DeRuyter Gleaner for the past six years has averaged about 1,600 copies.

The First Settlers in Madison County.—

BROOKFIELD, Capt. Daniel Brown, near Leonardsville, 1791. CAZENOVIA, John Lincklaen and Samuel S. Foreman, southern shore of Cazenovia lake, 1793. EATON, John and James Salisbury, 1792. FENNER, Dr. Enoch Leonard, 1797. GEORGETOWN, Ezra Sexton, 1803. HAMILTON, Mr. and Mrs. John Wells, Abner Nash, Patrick Shields and John Muir, near Earlville, 1792.

LENOX, Conrad Klock and three sons, Clockville, 1792. LEBANON, Joshua Smith, Smith's Valley, 1791. MADISON, Solomon Perkins, head of Madison lake, 1792. NELSON, Jedediah Jackson and Joseph Yaw, 1794. SULLIVAN, Jacob Seber, Garrett and George Van Lyke, John Palsley, John Freemyer, James and Joseph Picard, Jacob David and Yost Schuyler, 1790, at Canaseraga, the next year removed to near Chittenango. SMITHFIELD, Jasper Aylesworth, Peterboro, 1795. STOCKBRIDGE, Rev. John Sergeant, Cook's Corners, 1784.

E. H. Coon, blacksmith and manufacturer of wagons, came to DeRuyter and built the shop where he now carries on business in 1891. Centrally located and fully equipped for all kinds of blacksmithing and iron work and having experience in the most difficult as well as all branches of his trade, Mr. Coon has achieved success in DeRuyter. He has learned and adopted many new ideas which are of value to his trade. In 1899 he constructed a pretty residence, a view of which adorns these pages. Mr. Coon was born in Cazenovia July 8, 1855, attended school until fifteen years of age and subsequently worked on a farm. He learned his trade at Fayetteville where

he worked two or three years and was employed in other shops until 1887, when he started the business for himself at Cazenovia. In 1877 he was married to Ida A., the daughter of Henry Poole of DeRuyter and they have two daughters, Bertha May and Mable N. In politics he has always been a Republican. He has the reputation of being one of the best general ironers and horse shoers in this section, and his patronage comes from a long distance.

Madison County Social club has many members in DeRuyter. It is a close Republican organization, organized in 1899, and every fall indulges in a clam bake and elects officers. The membership is about 400.



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RESIDENCE OF E. H. COON.

Griffith Bros., one of the leading and enterprising firms of DeRuyter, are up-to-date and foremost in the drygoods trade. They are young men who have had experience in the trade where modern methods prevail and they have come here to give the residents of this vicinity the benefit of that experience. Their store occupies two floors and is fully stocked with everything in the line of dry goods, dress goods, hosiery, ladies' and children's wear, boots and shoes, house furnishings, tapestries, silks, underwear, linens, wash goods, notions and groceries. Their department

married Dora Humphrey of Utica, Feb. 9, 1888. David Griffith clerked for John A. Roberts & Co., Utica from June, 1884, to Sept. 1891, and for Hugh Glenn & Co. until he and his brother came to DeRuyter. This was on Sept. 1, 1899. They bought out the large store of E. H. Lee, who had carried on the business for twenty-five years and newly stocked it with the best styles. Mr. David R. Griffith married Mary A. Evans of Plainfield Centre in 1884.

Sheriffs.—[Appointed]:—Jeremiah Whipple, Cazenovia, 1806; William Hatch, Cazenovia, 1810;



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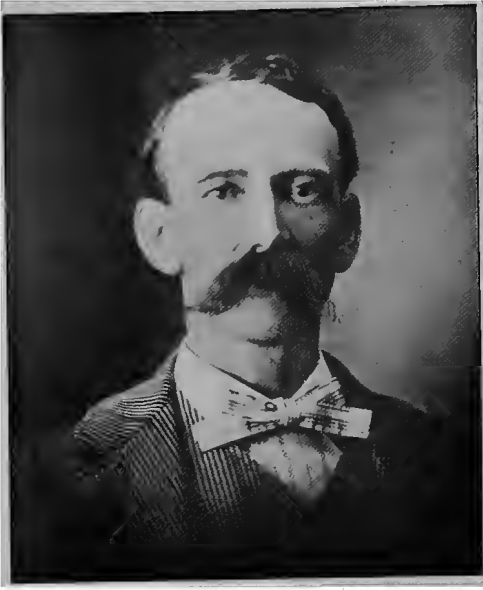
GRIFFITH BROTHERS' GENERAL STORE.

JOHN O. GRIFFITH.

for oil cloths, carpets, wall paper, draperies, lace curtains is on the third floor. The firm comprises John O. and David R. Griffith. Both were born in Plainfield, Otsego Co., N. Y., the former Nov. 3, 1861, and the latter June 4, 1867. Both attended school at West Winfield and David R. took a course in the Utica business college. John Griffith lived on a farm until he was twenty-four years old, when he went into the grocery of E. N. Norton at Utica as a clerk. Afterwards he clerked for a year for Hugh Glenn & Co. and was thirteen years with J. B. Wells, Son & Co. He

DAVID R. GRIFFITH.

Jeremiah Whipple, 1811; Elijah Pratt, Smithfield, 1814; John Matteson, Nelson, 1815; Moses Maynard, Madison, 1819; Ezra Cloyes, Morrisville, 1821—elected, 1822. [Elected]:—Ezekial Carpenter, Cazenovia, 1825; Pardon Barnard, Lenox, 1828; J. S. Palmer, Lenox, 1831; Thomas Wylie, Lebanon, 1834; J. M. Messenger, Smithfield, 1837; Isaac Brown, Brookfield, 1840; Samuel French, Sullivan, 1843; William B. Brand, Brookfield, 1846; Francis F. Stevens, Eaton, 1849; Stephen M. Potter, Cazenovia, 1852; Milton Burnett, Smithfield, 1855; S. P. Chap-



Benjamin Photo. H. D. MESSENGER.

man, Lenox, 1858; W. F. Bonney, Eaton, 1861; A. Stone, Smithfield, 1864; A. J. French, Sullivan, 1866; Edwin R. Barker, Madison, 1869; Milton DeLano, Canastota, 1872; W. M. Henderson, Madison, 1875; Milton De Lano, 1878; P. C. Brownell, Hamilton, 1881; C. K. Underwood, Cazenovia, 1884; L. W. Burroughs, Morrisville, 1887; C. E. Remick, Oneida, 1890; E. M. Perry, Georgetown, 1893; A. M. Carpenter, Cazenovia, 1896.

H. D. Messenger has practiced law in DeRuyter since 1897. He was admitted to the bar at Ithaca in May, 1882, and was married to Katherine J. Niver of Cazenovia June 30, 1886. They have three daughters: Madge, Miriam and Melicent. Mr. Messenger was born in the town of DeRuyter Dec. 1, 1857, and was the youngest of three brothers: Manson K., Andrew C. and Isaiah L. His parents were Isaiah and Catherine Messenger. His mother's name was Burdick, and her parents were among the early settlers of Lincklaen, Chenango county, as were his father's family of Otselie, Chenango county, and subsequently DeRuyter. His father was quite an extensive farmer in the '50's, and at an earlier date was a large sheep grower. Mr. Messenger took a scientific course in the DeRuyter academy where he was graduated in 1879. He began the study of law with the late L. B. Kern in DeRuyter in 1879 and completed his studies with D. W.

Cameron of Cazenovia, N. Y., where after his admission to the bar he practiced from Aug. 1, 1882, up to about May 1, 1889. He then formed a co-partnership with Donald McLennan of Syracuse, which continued under the name of McLennan & Messenger for two years. Then for one year he practiced alone and for two years afterwards with W. A. Palmer, then returning to DeRuyter.

The Missionary Society, Congregational church, was formed May 3, 1898, at a meeting of the Central Association of Congregational Churches, held at DeRuyter with Mrs. M. E. Tallett as its first president. It was organized as an auxiliary to the Women's Board of Missions, and has devoted the money raised to the work in both home and foreign fields. It has also sent supplies to needy missionaries in our own land, and now contributes to the support of a missionary in South Africa. The business meetings are held on the last Friday of each month, and the time spent in sewing for worthy objects, together with a literary program. Occasionally light refreshments are served. The present officers are: Mrs. D. W. Bull, president; Mrs. E. M. Stanton, secretary and Mrs. F. A. Tallett, treasurer.

Henry Jerome Crandall, the school historian for the Souvenir was born in Cazenovia Nov. 11, 1831, but has lived in DeRuyter since he was two years old. He possesses a remarkable memory for historical incidents. Deacon Henry Crandall, his father, located in DeRuyter in 1833, coming from Rhode Island, and in 1835, as one of the firm of Crandall & Alvord he constructed the brick block where they carried on a business for many years and which burned in 1878. Henry Jerome married Mary L. Maxson Jan. 9, 1854. Four children were born, viz: Henry Maxson, a resident of Cortland, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Yapp of Allegany Co., Frank Everett, who lost his life by an accident in a foundry at Cortland, and Esther Arabel who lives at home.



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F. D. GARDNER'S STORE.

The Gardner Homestead was one of the earliest settled farms in the town of DeRuyter. It is located one half mile west of Sheds Corners and at present consists of two hundred and eight of as fine acres of land as there is in Madison county, being most altogether level and fertile and in a high state of cultivation. From the time this farm was occupied including the present it has always been in the Gardner family. The present owners, Frank D. Gardner of DeRuyter and his sisters, Blanche H. (Mrs. E. M. Stanton) of DeRuyter, and Ella M. (Mrs. F. J. Westcott) of Truxton, inherited the place from their father, the son of the original settler. The latter, Dwight Gardner, came to DeRuyter from Brimfield, Mass., about the year 1818 and settled on this same place, where he died. D. Foster Gardner, who was born March 5, 1838, succeeded his father in the ownership of the place. He became one of the most successful and respected farmers of the town. His whole time and effort were devoted to bringing the farm up to the very best condition so that it is largely due to his intelligence, industry and thorough knowledge of agriculture that the Gardner place ranks second to few if any farms of Madison county. D. Foster Gardner and Clarissa A. Smith of Cazenovia were married Jan. 28, 1864. By this union there were born the three children above mentioned. The death of Mr. Gardner occurred Nov. 28, 1899. He was deeply mourned by a large circle of friends. The farm is cultivated wholly for dairy purposes and at the time of the writing of this article it supported thirty-five head of fine Holsteins. The buildings and fences are kept up in excellent order and the accommodations for live stock are far in excess of what they are usually taxed. Mr. Frank Gardner worked the farm for some time before his father's death, but he subsequently moved to DeRuyter and bought out his brother-in-law, E. M. Stanton's grocery business, which he is now conducting. He was born on the homestead May 19, 1865. On April 7, 1887, he married Inez I. the daughter of A. E. Dewey, of Lebanon Madison county. In 1891 he conducted a general store at Delphi and from March, 1892, until he moved to DeRuyter in 1899 he carried on the mercantile business now conducted by Mr. Wood at Sheds.

The First Physician in the town of DeRuyter was Dr. Hubbard Smith, also first postmaster.

A. N. Annas, (see portrait "Builders of DeRuyter") a native of Cazenovia, came to DeRuyter in 1834 and opened a stove and tin store. He was one of the firm of Elmore, Annas & Ayer, who erected in 1841 the stone stores known as the Lafayette block, on Cortland St., which was burned about the year 1855. He also built the hotel known as the Annas House, afterwards called Tabor House, and erected and repaired a great many dwelling houses and buildings of various kinds. He was a man of good judgment, and had been honored by his townsmen with the office of supervisor and other positions of public trust, the duties of which he ever discharged with fidelity. During his last years he was confined to a wheeled chair, suffering from the loss of both limbs. He died February 5, 1889, aged 79.



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THE GARDNER HOMESTEAD.

View from the road.
Herd of Milchers.

D. Foster Gardner.
The Residence. Mrs. Clarissa A. Gardner.

Abram Hart settled in DeRuyter prior to 1813 and was a prominent business man from that time until his death at the age of 80 years. He held at different times the offices of town clerk, constable, collector, was justice of the peace nearly thirty years and president of the village in 1840. He commenced business in DeRuyter as a cabinet-maker and was later a grocery man. Mr. Hart was born in Conn., March 30, 1784. His parents were Thomas Hart, who was a Revolutionary soldier, and Ruth Payne, sister of Elisha and Samuel Payne, the founders of Hamilton, Madison Co., N. Y.

The First Farm Deed given in the town of DeRuyter was dated May 1, 1795, and it covered the Thompson Burdick farm.



Benjamin Photos. (Gage Place.) E. F. COON'S FARM.

The Gage Farm comprises 200 acres and lies a mile and a half from the village on the east side of the Cazenovia road. It is a picturesque and well cultivated farm with plenty of water flowing from springs, shaded lawns and large buildings. It is one of the prettiest farms and the house is one of the best of farm residences in the town. It was the old Gage homestead occupied by the family about seventy years. Mr. Edwin F. Coon, a young man with progressive ideas, bought the property in Feb. 1900, and at once began making several improvements which he will carry on with the idea of completely modernizing the place.

R. Avery is a breeder of fine thoroughbred Holstein cattle. One of the best farms in the north part of the town of DeRuyter belongs to him, and it is there where he has a pleasant home, that he raises thoroughbreds. He has lived in Sheds, Madison county, his postoffice, thirty-two years. He was born in Pharsalia, Chenango Co., Jan. 3, 1853, but five years ago he purchased the farm of seventy-eight acres he now lives on. His dairy herd, in which are some very promising young cattle, are worth going to see.

The First School in DeRuyter was made of logs and stood near the old Messenger tavern about two miles north of the village, on what has since been known as the Gage farm. The first term was taught by Eli Gage in the winter of 1799.

Col. Elmar D. Jencks, the first merchant in DeRuyter and during his time the best known, opened a store on the northeast corner of Cortland and Utica streets in 1814 which he conducted until 1860. His practice was to give credit during the year and offset the account by buying up live stock in the fall if the farmer had any, and drive them to Albany. Farmers and their families trading at the store were usually invited into his hospitable home for dinner. Mrs. E. D. Fox of DeRuyter, his daughter, well remembers her mother setting table for twenty unexpected guests. A mahogany sideboard always catered to the colonel's friends. He trusted almost without limit and in spite of the losses

this naturally incurred, which mounted into the thousands, he left a fortune to his heirs and a priceless reputation. He first appeared in DeRuyter in 1809 and started a distillery on what is now known as the Burtiss place, a mile and a half north of the village. In all matters of public improvement he was an earnest worker. His second wife was Widow Wallace whom he courted at her home in Keeney's Settlement riding to and fro on horseback. She was a courtly, fine looking woman, remarkable for her personal graces and charming, highly-bred manners. Her portrait on page 4 is a copy of an elegant painting now in the possession of Mrs. Fox.

The First Death in the town of DeRuyter was that of Gideon Foster which occurred in 1796. He was buried on the farm of Elijah Benjamin.



Benjamin Photos. (Young Cattle.) R. AVERY'S FARM.

(Sheds.)



P. L. DWIGHT.
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RALPH DWIGHT,

P. L. Dwight, founder and proprietor of the DeRuyter Marble and Granite Works, bought the place formerly owned by Daniel E. Stillman, on Mar. 1, 1886. His dwelling house burned Jan. 20, 1897, and a new house nearly completed occupies the same site. The marble and granite works was built in the spring of 1886, and his trade extended into some of the adjoining towns where he had not previously solicited their patronage. Having been in the marble and granite business for twenty years he has perhaps as large a circle of acquaintances as any dealer in Central New York. While he is always ready to instruct his customers what is best for them to buy, he never urges them to go beyond their means; and he is too sensitive to ever beg a job. The work and the price must sell the goods. Mr. Dwight has always been an active worker at the bench and no dealer in his time can show more work wrought by his own hands than this man. While he has always given close attention to the monumental business, he has had a particular ambition to study, raise and care for bees, poultry, horses and cattle. Nothing but full bloods are worth his time and attention. He is the owner of General Grant, the full blood Percheron stallion, and Elbert Junior, the inbred Hamiltonian stallion, both of which have many fine colts to recommend their stock. He also breeds registered

Guernsey cattle. His son, Ralph Dwight, is now associated with him in business and he has bought the Philo Burton farm to further develop and improve their horses and cattle. Mr. Dwight was born in German, Chenango Co., N. Y., Oct. 6, 1856. He was educated at the Cincinnati academy, taught school about five years and commenced the marble and granite trade in partnership with H. L. Bentley, in his native town, in 1880. He moved to Cincinnati in 1881, and ran a marble and granite shop there till he moved to DeRuyter in 1886. He was married to Lovisa Breed of Pharsalia, N. Y., May 31, 1878. She died Jan. 21, 1882, leaving one son, Ralph Dwight, who was born Mar. 22, 1879. Mr. Dwight married, Jan. 6, 1886, Ettie J. Coon, of Lincklaen, N. Y. To them were born four children: Clarence T., born Dec. 28, 1889, died Feb. 19, 1891; Baby Dwight, born Apr. 16, 1891, died May 6, 1891; Leon Clyde, born Oct. 17, 1897 and Ruth Alina, born July 18, 1899.

The Water Supply of DeRuyter is beyond question unsurpassed in volume and purity, being absolutely pure spring water with its sources at the head of a notch in the hills east of the village and protected

by ownership to forty acres enclosing the springs. The fall to Cortland street is 428 feet, the water having a continuous circulation and fills a storage reservoir on South Hill, 190 feet above the village, which has a capacity for 750,000 gallons. The feed will maintain for ten hours for fire purposes five $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch streams. The entire plant cost \$17,000. The contract price for the system including twenty-eight hydrants, was \$14,000, but the right of way costing \$1,200, and the forty acres surrounding the springs increased the cost to the above stated figure. Formerly a number of wells furnished water for fire purposes. They consisted of tanks in the ground which had to be filled by hand. In the fall of 1896 the board of trustees finding it necessary to spend \$200 or \$300 in repairs, decided to start a movement for a water system. They were president J. E. Preston; trustees, I. E. Smith, O. M. Blanchard and H. K. Nash. They found a cluster of springs on Everett Rolls' property. The trustees were enthusiastic over the project and after appointing themselves water commissioners, ordered a special election, the result of which was a tie vote. They then appointed a water board consisting of A. W. Francis, chairman; W. W. Owens, H. C. Blanchard, E. H. Lee and Dr. E. N. Coon. A second election was held and the proposition was carried by a majority of three. On March 25, 1897, bids were advertised



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MRS. SARAH ELIZABETH CONE. MONROE CONE.
Benjamin Photos.

and on April 14, sealed proposals were opened, Birdseye & Son of Fayetteville being awarded the contract. The present water board is B. S. Bryant, chairman; E. S. Newitt and Wm. G. Weed.

Monroe Cone is one of the largest buyers of eggs in DeRuyter, and his shipments to New York and other cities are very extensive, they amounting as high in a single year as 65,000 dozen. The eggs are all carefully handled, assorted and boxed by him personally, so that whatever he guarantees as to quality and grade can be relied upon. Some years ago he was engaged in manufacturing cheese boxes at Quaker Basin, having started in the business in the spring of 1867. On June 6, 1884, this business, which then consisted largely of the manufacture of furniture, was cleaned out by fire by which he suffered a total loss. Resuming the business elsewhere he continued it with success until four years ago when he began buying eggs. He owns a valuable place at Quaker Basin and a pretty residence in this village. Mr. Cone's father, Daniel Cone, came from Connecticut and located in Lincklaen, Chenango Co., early in the twenties. When Monroe Cone was born, April 1, 1843, his parents were residents of that town. The latter attended district school and in the fall of 1863 was employed in the rake factory of Charles R. Maxson in the town of DeRuyter. The following year he worked in the cheese box factory of Thomas Johnson at Quaker Basin.

On Jan. 15, 1867, he married Sarah Elizabeth, the daughter of Chapin Wood at Quaker Basin. She was born March 21, 1846. Her grandfather, Levi Wood, was one of the earliest settlers at Sheds and her mother, Louisa, was the daughter of Elijah and Sally Forbes Benjamin. The latter was one of the two first white women who settled in DeRuyter. Ada Bertha, the lovely daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cone, died in her fourth year. Their son, Anda Wood Cone, who resides on the homestead at Quaker Basin, is a printer by trade and is one of the employees in the DeRuyter Gleaner. He was born Dec. 27, 1875, and married Alice Winifred, the daughter of John Dickinson of Chenango Forks, March 10, 1898. They have one child, Donald Monroe Cone, born Nov. 23, 1899.

Early Business Men—"I think Col. Jencks should be recognized as the earliest in DeRuyter," says an old resident. "Then come the Dillays, Henry and Fred, who succeeded their father, Israel T. Smith, Alvord & Crandall and Squire Abram Hart, who were all in business about the same time. Ephraim Arnold conducted a tan-

nery and carried on a boot and shoe business. He was succeeded by Sears & Sutton who continued the business for a number of years. Simon Rider ran a tannery over by the north bridge where Hayes' blacksmith shop is now. This water privilege was previously owned by William Cochran, who run the old style of cloth manufactory and who was succeeded by Willard Wilcox. Jonathan Brainard employed a half dozen men in the manufacture of hats. The first postmaster I remembr was George Sears. At that time there were five four-horse coaches being run on the turnpike between Ithaca and Albany. Two of these coaches passed through DeRuyter in the daytime and three at night—all daily. This was the point where they changed teams. The old



Benjamin Photo. THE RESIDENCE OF MR. AND MRS. MONROE CONE.



Borrowed Cut. B. S. BRYANT.

Mansion House on the present site of Mrs. Gilbert Taylor's block, was the stage house, run by Thomas Nye. The building still stands and is cut up into separate stores. The old stables were long ago burned up. Stephen G. Sears, grandfather of F. S. Mitchell, succeeded George Sears, and was postmaster for several years. He sold the principal part of the flour then sold in the town of DeRuyter, all of which was carted from Manlius. It was sold principally by the pound and in pailsful. Succeeding him as postmaster was 'Squire Vernon Bentley, who held the position for, I think, twenty-four years. Elmore, Annas & Ayre conducted a dry goods, tin and hardware store in the stone block which stood on the present site of Newitt's store."

Byron S. Bryant, the president of the village water board and the supervisor of the town of DeRuyter, is serving his fifth year in the latter position, having occupied it four years in succession and being now on a new term of two years. His election has been insured by majorities which went as high one year as 155. Mr. Bryant is a Democrat and the town has a normal Republican majority of over 200. His period of supervisorship covers 1888-'91; and 1900-'01. He has served as president of the village seven years and on the water board two years. Mr. Bryant is one of the incorporators of the bank of which he is the president and has been from the opening of that institution. Isaac S. Bryant, his father, a farmer in Truxton, Cortland Co., and a native of New England, married Catharine Bennett, who was born in Vermont, and they had four children, two of whom are living, Rodor-

pha (the widow of Augustus Perry) born July 2, 1838, and now a resident of McGrawville, and B. S. Bryant, born June 6, 1846. The latter attended district school in Truxton and worked on the farm until eighteen years old and during the following five years clerked successively for Record & Purdy, Boardman & Smith and George Bliss of that village, and the next two years worked in a cheese factory. On Dec. 24, 1868, he married Mary Ardale, the daughter of Austin L. Pomeroy of Truxton and in the spring of 1869, they located in DeRuyter, where Mr. Bryant at once began buying produce, a business he has since followed up with success. He is a member of the A. O. U. W.

A. G. Richmond—A curious fact is that one house in DeRuyter was the birthplace of Lyman J. Gage, once secretary of the treasury and Mr. Richmond. When Gen. Breckenridge crossed the upper Potomac Mr. Richmond, who was paying teller in the United States treasury—1862-'5—and an assistant were locked up all night in the vaults placing gold and greenbacks in leather bags so that in case of an emergency the vast government treasure might be readily moved to a tug which Gen. Spinner had in waiting and carried down the river. In one day Mr. Richmond and two assistants paid out over the counter \$7,000,000. Mr. Richmond at the time of his death—at New Woodstock, Nov. 12, 1899—had in his Canajoharie home the finest collection of American Indian relics known, containing 20,000 specimens.

Census Sixty Years Back—The "Carrier's Address" issued by the Seventh Day Baptist Register, January 1, 1841: "Statement of the Number of Inhabitants in the Village of DeRuyter, June 1st, 1840, taken by Stephen G. Sears, Assistant Marshal—No. of heads of families, 121; males, 258; females, 260; whole No. 518; whole No. 1832, 325; increase, 193."

The First Born in the town of DeRuyter was David Burdick, born on the Thompson Burdick farm at the head of the lake, May 25, 1796.



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RESIDENCE OF B. S. BRYANT.



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Abram Lewis.
Perry D. Lewis.

Delos Lewis.
Ray G. Lewis.

Delos Lewis is one of the oldest and best known farmers in DeRuyter, where he has been actively engaged in agricultural pursuits all of his life. The rich, fertile farm of 125 acres, which is generally conceded to be the most valuable farming tract in the town, has been his property since 1864—his home for nearly forty years. It lies two miles north of the village, is almost entirely level and is in the highest stage of cultivation. This farm was taken up in a crude state, nearly covered with forest, in 1806, by Russell Walker, being at that time a part of the Holland land grant. From his hands it passed into the possession of Dyar Sexton, who afterwards served in the war of 1812 as a lieutenant-commander in the American army. He was born in Chatham, Ct., Jan. 14, 1785, and died on his farm Sept. 17, 1862, his remains being buried in the DeRuyter village cemetery. His son, Joseph Sexton, who succeeded to the ownership of the property and from whom Delos Lewis made the purchase, married Jane, the latter's sister.

They removed to Canandaigua, where she still makes her home, having survived her husband by several years. Lewis Sexton, their son, who was brought up on the farm, left DeRuyter when a young man and distinguished himself in science, manufacturing and developing the microscope in Troy, and becoming widely known as a leading member of the American Society of Microscopists. He was also interested in the publication of the Troy Whig, in which he invested considerable money, and was a professor of sciences in several schools. One of the most prominent of the early settlers of DeRuyter who did much to turn the wilderness into a garden, was Abram Lewis, the father of Delos, who was born in the town and county of Fairfield, Ct., in 1786, where he lived until nine years of age, when his parents moved to Springfield, Otsego county, N. Y. Abram, when seventeen years old, trudged alone through the pathless regions intervening, with an axe and hoe over his shoulder and settled upon land which he purchased by contract on South Hill. The summer (1803) he spent in clearing land, putting up a log hut for his accommodation and packing his supplies from Salina on foot. In the winter he returned to Springfield, walking the distance 60 miles, in twenty-four hours, but came back the following spring to resume the labor of making himself a home. In May, 1814, he married Salona, the daughter of a prominent family named Pier, after whom was named Pierstown, Otsego Co., N. Y. The male members of this family participated in Shaw's rebellion. Abram had six children: George, deceased in 1891; Edwin, 1896; Jane (Mrs. Sexton); Ephraim, deceased in 1897; Cornelius, who lost his life by accident on a vessel in 1847, and Delos. Through industry and economy Abram and his wife acquired 400 acres, which they brought to a high condition of cultivation and when they died, Abram in 1864, surviving his wife by seventeen years, they were



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D. M. SCHELLINGER. (Benjamin, Photo).

A. R. BRYANT, (Harris, Cortland, Photo).

greatly honored and beloved. George, their eldest son, settled on the farm now owned and occupied by his son Delavan. Perry D., his other son, married Cornelia, the daughter of A. N. Annas, a prominent merchant of DeRuyter, and located in the village. He died in 1891, survived by his wife and their son Raymond G., who is in business in this village. Delos was born on the homestead March 18, 1826. When quite young he and his brother bought 150 acres—a part of the old farm—which they worked together until Delos sold out his interest and afterwards purchased the Sexton farm. He then married Rocelia, the daughter of James Carey, and they have since lived where they first went to keeping house. They had one son, Judson, who was born in 1866 and died in 1888, being cut down with the best prospects a young man could have had. Mrs. Lewis' father was a successful farmer in the early days of the town.

The Bryant Furniture Company was organized by Mr. A. R. Bryant on Sept. 15, 1894, at Truxton, for the purpose of manufacturing furniture and lumber. At DeRuyter the company has

a branch carrying on exclusively the manufacture of lumber. The Truxton plant comprising four buildings, produces bedsteads and suites of the cheaper grades made of maple and birch and requires a half million feet annually. These goods are sold principally in New York, Pennsylvania, and the eastern states. In the summer of 1899 the company erected at DeRuyter large lumber sheds and added a full line of lath, shingles, doors, sash and blinds and hard and soft pine for the retail trade. A great quantity of lumber is made up in the DeRuyter mill where hard wood is manufactured for the Truxton factory and one grade of wood used in manufacturing piano action is shipped east. The company or partnership is composed of A. R. Bryant, president, Peter D. Muller, A. R. Muller, O. D. Patrick and F. L. Hilton, all of Truxton. Mr. D. M. Schellinger is the manager of the DeRuyter branch, having come here in 1882 to take charge of Mr. Bryant's business. There is about \$50,000 invested in the business at both places which makes it the largest industrial enterprise in this locality. Mr. A. R. Bryant started the lumber business at DeRuyter Dec. 1, 1880. On Dec. 1, 1889, he

opened a furniture factory in a building which he erected in DeRuyter for that purpose, and ran it five years, or until the plant was consumed by fire which occurred on Sept. 6, 1894. He was born in Truxton Aug. 19, 1845, and was educated at that place. He conducted a hotel at Phoenix in 1868 after which he was engaged for three years in manufacturing butter tubs and firkins at Truxton. In 1871, in company with M. C. Skeele, Jerome McAllister and Freeman Schermerhorn, he put up a sawmill and lumber business, flour and feed mill and butter tub and firkin factory. Three years later that was burned. During the ensuing six years he was engaged in butchering. He is a member of the F. & A. M. and the A. O. U. W.

Rake Factory—In 1863, 2,500 wooden rakes were manufactured at Charles R. Maxson's factory in the town of DeRuyter, three miles north of the village. Twenty-five men were then employed. Kenyon Munsey and Oscar Crandall bought the plant the next year and sold out to Dennis Coon.



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THE BRYANT FURNITURE CO.'S BUILDINGS AND YARDS AT DERUYTER.



MAXWELL MILES.

MRS. MARY ANNA MILES.

MRS. MARIA LOUISA TRIPP.

Farrington Place is one of the older homesteads in the town of DeRuyter which lies one mile northeast of the village in one of the prettiest localities and most eligible of sights in the valley of the Tioughnioga. The farm comprising 150 acres is entirely level including broad, fertile meadows and cultivated fields which give a wide, unobstructed view of the towering hills to the east and west and the village partly hidden in dense foliage farther to the south. The residence is a typical country home, much of the colonial style, with spacious halls on the two floors opening out into the flower gardens on the east. All of the rooms, among which is the very pleasant diningroom in the southeast, have attractive outlooks over the open country for long distances. This is the country home of Mrs. Maria Louisa Tripp, wife of Mr. James H. Tripp, the banker at

Marathon, N. Y., who with her daughter, Mrs. Mary Anna Miles, and the latter's little son, Maxwell Miles, enjoy the comforts of a suburban home with all the conveniences that the best provided country place can afford, during the hot months of the summer. An improved turbine windmill, drawing water from an artesian well fills the tanks from which the lavatories in the house are supplied, and furnishes an abundance of cold, pure water both for the tables and general farm purposes. Since Mrs. Tripp decided to make this her summer home where she might during the hot spell get quiet and seclusion and rest from social duties, she has, at a considerable expense, made many improvements. Having a natural sentiment for preserving as near as possible the old colonial features of the home that has so long been in her family, she has built on to the original house in a manner which has

greatly beautified as well as enlarged its conveniences. A covered piazza eight feet wide has been run across the east and north sides giving seventy-eight feet of piazza from which the admirable range of rural scenery is within view. The piazza is crowned with gables over the entrances on the east and north. At the southeast corner of the house, where the direct rays of the sun enter during almost the entire day Mrs. Tripp has had constructed a conservatory in which the family take much pleasure in caring for choice flowers and plants. The grounds surrounding the house afford shady grass plots swept by cool breezes. A half mile north reached by a level and pleasant drive is Tioughnioga lake with its islands and promontories and its deep, clear waters having a stretch of three miles from the head to the foot. Mrs. Tripp seems to have displayed admirable



Benjamin Photo. FARRINGTON PLACE—COUNTRY PLACE OF MRS. LOUISA TRIPP.

taste in deciding upon making this place her summer home, for no prettier spot could be found, so well fitted for rest, with so many excellent drives and strolls and with mountain and water scenery surrounding it. The homestead came into the family in 1839 when Mrs. Tripp's grandfather, Edmund Farrington, a native of Long Island, came to DeRuyter and purchased the place. The country hereabouts was then comparatively new and partially settled. Since then the place has been in the family having passed from the father to the son and then to granddaughter. Edmund Farrington had a family of eight children, the only survivor being Mrs. Powell of Skaneateles, N. Y. Edward Farrington, Mrs. Tripp's father, married Mary Hills, Oct. 21, 1852, at Fabius, N. Y. They had two children, Alfred who died in infancy, and Maria Louisa. For a time Mr. and Mrs. Edward Farrington lived on a farm a short

who at home is an influential worker in his party, witnessed some stormy scenes. Mary Anna, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tripp, finished her education by taking lessons in painting and drawing in which she followed a three years' course in the Art Students' league in New York. On June 21, 1893, she was married at Marathon to Warner Miles, a distinguished young physician of Hempstead, L. I., to which place they moved two years later, and where he entered upon a promising practice which was cut short by his death on Sept. 1, 1898. By this marriage there was born a son, Maxwell Miles, at Marathon, on June 4, 1895, a bright, promising boy, the only grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Tripp.

Great Bells, the weight, viz:—"Great Bell," Moscow, 443,732 pounds; St. Ivans, Moscow, 127,830 pounds; Pekin, 120,000 pounds; Vienna,



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INTERIOR VIEWS OF FARRINGTON PLACE.

distance west of the old place. Upon the death of Edward Farrington the homestead passed into the hands of his son William who lived and died a bachelor on the old place. Although he was born on Long Island he was quite young when the family came to Farrington Place and he spent most of his life—about 60 years—there. His death occurred May 12, 1892, and he left the home to his niece who had long before that been married to Mr. Tripp. Her father died on his farm in November, 1892. Maria Louisa Farrington in 1869 married Martin Bogardus. Her marriage to James H. Tripp occurred Nov. 11, 1873. Mr. Tripp was then a merchant at Cuyler, N. Y., but he subsequently went to Marathon where he has since successfully engaged in banking. In 1892 and '93 he represented Cortland in the state assembly and as that body was in both years Democratic, Mr. Tripp, a member of the minority,

40,200 pounds; Olmutz, Bohemia, 40,000 pounds; Rouen, France, 40,000 pounds; St. Pauls, London, 38,470 pounds; "Big Ben," Westminster, 30,350 pounds; Montreal, 28,560 pounds; St. Peters, Rome, 18,600 pounds; Liberty Bell, Philadelphia, cast in London in 1752, weighs 2,000 pounds. It was cracked the first time it was used in 1753 and was recast in Philadelphia the same year. A few years after the Revolution it was cracked again while being rung.

Population, the Earth and Area:—Africa, 127,000,000 pop.; 11,514,000 sq. miles. America, North, 89,250,000 pop.; 6,446,000 sq. m. America, South, 36,420,000 pop.; 6,837,000 sq. m. Asia, 850,000,000 pop.; 14,710,000 sq. m. Australasia, 4,730,000 pop.; 3,288,000 sq. m. Europe, 380,200,000 pop.; 3,555,000 sq. m. Polar regions, 300,000 pop., 4,888,800 sq. m.



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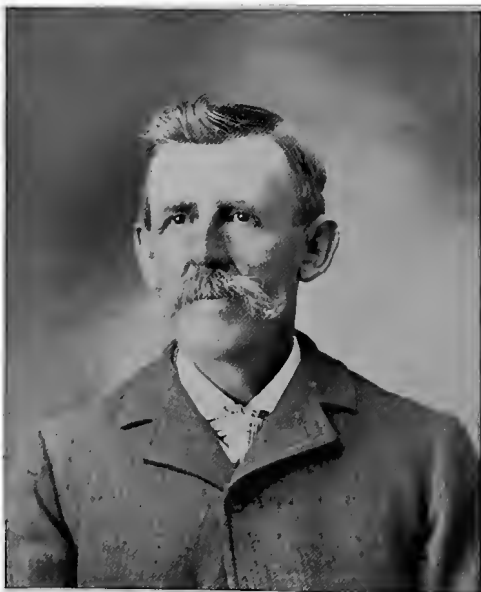
Charles P. Monro, M. D., located in DeRuyter, Oct. 17, 1896, taking the offices vacated by Dr. A. W. Truman. He has acquired a large and arduous practice during the comparative short time he has been here. Dr. Monro, the son of Charles D. and Lydia Monro, was born in Cazenovia April 29, 1867. His early education was acquired in Cazenovia seminary. He began the study of medicine in the office of Dr. E. C. Bass of Cazenovia, preparatory to entering the Albany Medical college, where he spent the years of 1888 and 1889. Continuing his studies he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Baltimore, Md., from which institution he took his degree April 14, 1892. Subsequently he took a special practical course in physical diagnosis with the late Dr. George Thomas in the wards of the Baltimore City hospital and also Bay View, the state hospital for the insane. Shortly after he formed a co-partnership with one of the most eminent physicians in Madison county, Dr. Levi P. Greenwood, then engaged in Erieville. Upon the death of Dr. Greenwood he succeeded to his entire practice, which he pursued until the favorable opening in DeRuyter invited him to remove here. Since locating in DeRuyter Dr. Monro has taken post graduate work in the Johns Hopkins university keeping abreast of recent advancement in medical science. The doctor is a Mason and is the local medical examiner for many of the old line life insurance companies. While practicing in Erieville he served a term as coroner for Madison county, being the first Democrat in forty years to fill that position in this county.

The Hills—Quaker Hill, east of DeRuyter, affords a view of forty miles north. A highway leads to the summit. Arad Hill, west shore of the lake, commands a splendid view through the valley into Manlius, Onondaga county, with Delphi in the foreground. Crumb Hill, 2 miles east, reached by public road, offers a grand view of rugged country. Parson's Hill, to the northeast, is the best birdseye point of the village. South Hill is reached by easy walking from the highway, a mile south of the village. From the summit, the range of vision extends to a great distance.

M. A. Blakeslee, local manager of the Cazenovia Coal and Lumber Co. came to DeRuyter in April, 1895, and entered the employ of Burr & Webster, who were at that time sawing and handling large quantities of hard wood lumber. At the time of the dissolution of the firm of Burr & Webster in June, 1895, they were succeeded by the first named company and Mr. Blakeslee has since been in their employ as foreman and manager. Mr. Blakeslee was born at Perryville, N. Y., and was educated in the district schools and Cazenovia seminary. He married Amelia J. Smith and they have two sons and two daughters living. Is a member of Tioughnioga lodge, No. 552, the Cortland Encampment, No. 127, and the Cortland Canton, No. 27, I. O. O. F. Has taught many terms of school. During the Justin Projectile trials at Perryville he had charge of the experiment grounds there.

DeRuyter Sixty Years Ago—Under date of May 30, 1849, the Central New-Yorker, published in DeRuyter, says: "DeRuyter village was incorporated in 1832, and now contains about 1,000 inhabitants, and is gradually increasing in population and business. In the village there are eight dry goods stores—each doing a good business—one hardware store, one hat store, one drug store, several grocery stores, two large tanneries, one iron foundry, two carriage shops, two cabinet shops, three harness shops, two clothing shops, three shoe stores, one printing office, two excellent hotels, two livery stables, etc., and many branches of mechanical industry which we have not room to mention. Our public buildings consist of three churches, the DeRuyter institute, and two very pretty district schoolhouses."

Distances from Cortland—Homer 2¾ miles; Scott, 10; Preble, 10; East Homer, 6; Truxton, 11; Cuyler, 16; McGraw, 4; Solon, 8; Cincinnatus, 16; Taylor, 18; Union Valley, 23; South Cortland, 3; Virgil, 6; Harford, 12; Blodgetts Mills, 4; Marathou, 14; Freetown, 8; Lapeer, 12; DeRuyter, 20; Norwich, 40; Binghamton, 50; Ithaca, 22; Syracuse, 33; Little York, 7.



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Borrowed Cut. A. B. KINGSLEY.

Adelbert B. Kingsley, instructor on the piano, has been giving weekly lessons in DeRuyter for six years, beginning October, 1894, and his success has been flattering. It is greatly to his credit that Mr. Kingsley has had large classes here and has brought out the musical talent for which DeRuyter has become so widely known. His monthly recitals as well as his semi-annual public concerts have become features in musical and social circles which are looked forward to with interest. Since coming here the Beethoven musical society has been organized and so well has it succeeded that it has attracted the attention of the Syracuse papers which have given it the distinction of being the best of musical organizations in this section. Mr. Kingsley's home is in Cortland where he has regular classes throughout the year, and is prominent in musical circles, and where he has not a few scholars who come from the adjacent localities as well as in the city.

The Beethoven Musical Society was organized by the piano pupils of Adelbert B. Kingsley in 1896. It is customary to hold private recitals at regular periods during the year at the homes of the members, at which time the lives of famous composers are studied and some of their works performed. After the regular program musical games followed by light refreshments are in order. The first meeting

was at the home of Miss Gertrude Samson, Feb. 20, 1896, and not long after the society was named after the great master Beethoven, and Mr. Kingsley was chosen president and Miss Bertha Annas the first secretary. This organization has made it a point to interpret the best of music and uplift the cause through this section. Besides the private recitals, they have conducted five public recitals and have been associated with two musical festivals given at Union hall, which consisted of four concerts assisted by noted musicians from Syracuse, Ithaca and Cortland. The Syracuse Standard says: "Considering the age of the society and the number of members it is undoubtedly one of the strongest and most talented organizations in the country." The officers and members are: Mr. Adelbert B. Kingsley, Cortland, president; Miss Cassalene Coon, DeRuyter, secretary; Miss Bessie Connell, Miss Blanch Beekman, Miss Ethel Williams, Miss Gertrude Hill, Miss Maud DeLong, Miss Clara Green, Miss Lettie McAllister, Miss Cora Coon, Miss Doris Gardner, Miss Gertrude Samson, Mr. Neil Annas of DeRuyter; Miss Nina Morse, Miss Clemina Elmore, Miss Ethel Moffett and Miss Florence Hindes of New Woodstock; Miss Lulu Potter, Miss Mabel Brown and Mrs. A. D. Theobald of Cuyler; Miss Josephine Patrick, Miss Gladys Wescott and Miss Jennie Goddard of Truxton.

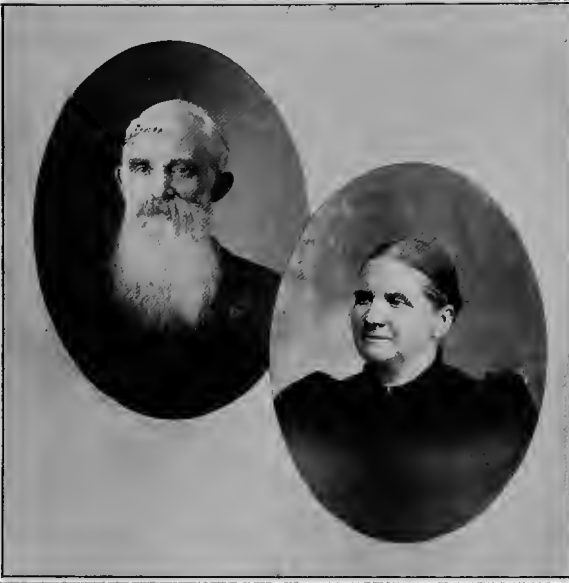
Cities of China—Population:—Canton, 2,500,000; Peking, 1,300,000; Siang-tan, 1,000,000; Singan, 1,000,000; Su-chow (Soo chow) 1,000,000; Tiensin (Tientsin) 1,000,000; Chang-chow, 800,000; Wo-tchang, (Woo Shang) 800,000; Hang Chow, 700,000; Fuchan, 650,000; Shanghai, 586,000; Han-yang, 400,000; San-chow, 400,000; Chang-Sha, 300,000; Choong-King, 300,000; Ning-po, 255,000; Monkden (Mukden) 300,000; Hongkong, 221,000.



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BEETHOVEN SOCIETY, 1896.

1.—A. B. Kingsley. 2.—Florence Hendee. 3.—Rena Lee. 4.—George Burdick. 5.—Cassalene Coon. 6.—Maud Howes. 7.—Otis DeLong. 8.—Lelia Emory. 9.—Lettie McAllister. 10.—Bessie Connell. 11.—Grace Jaquith. 12.—Maud DeLong. 13.—Winifred Ames. 14.—Ethel Moffett. 15.—Gertrude Hill. 16.—Ethel Williams.



DR. E. N. COON.

MRS. SARAH J. COON.

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Edwin N. Coon, M. D., was born in Brookfield, N. Y., Sept. 6, 1838. His boyhood days were passed on the farm and he received his early education at the Brookfield academy and DeRuyter institute, commencing his studies in the last named institution in the fall of 1859. At the breaking out of the civil war he entered the U. S. service as a member of Battery A, First N. Y. Light Artillery, enlisting at Utica, Aug. 11, 1861, and being mustered in Sept. 12, 1861, served with that command through the Peninsula campaign and took part in the battles of the siege of Yorktown, Va., Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, Seven Pines, Malvern Hill, Harrison Landing, White Oak Swamp and Seven days battle before Richmond. After that he was transferred to the Medical Department of the army by order of Maj. Gen. B. F. Butler for meritorious services in the field and placed in charge of a hospital at Norfolk, Va., and he continued in that branch of the service until honorably discharged after having served over three years. Dr. Coon had an uncle, John P. Usher, who was secretary of the Interior at the time Lincoln was assassinated. The doctor was married to Sarah J. Campbell of Lebanon, N. Y., in November, 1864, and they have four children, Lottie J., S. DeWitt, Frank U., and M. Cassaline. He attended medical college at the Hahnemann Medical college of Philadelphia, and the University of Michigan, re-

ceiving his diploma from the Homoeopathic department of the university in June, 1872. In the fall of 1872 he located in DeRuyter and soon found himself engaged in an extensive practice which he has maintained for twenty-eight years, during which time he has held several offices of trust and responsibility, among which were president of the village, member of the board of education, president of Madison County Medical society, member of water commission, special U. S. pension examiner, examining surgeon for several life insurance companies, health officer for the town and village and commander of the G. A. R. post.

Imperial United States—Acquisition of foreign soil:—War of Independence; war expenses, 168,000,000; 1783; 820,680 square miles, (thirteen original states.) LOUISIANA, from France by treaty; 1803; 899,570 sq. m.; treaty price, \$15,000,000. FLORIDA from Spain by treaty; 1819; 66,900 sq. m., treaty price, \$3,000,000; TEXAS, an independent republic; admitted 1845; 318,000 sq. m.; debt assumed \$7,500,000. OREGON from England by treaty; 1846; 308,052 sq. m. CALIFORNIA and NEW MEXICO from

Mexico by war, 1846 and 1848; 522,955 sq. m.; war expenditures, \$15,000,000. ALASKA from Russia by treaty; 1867; 580,107 sq. m.; treaty price, \$7,200,000. HAWAII, an independent republic admitted by treaty; 1898; 6,740 sq. m. PORTO RICO from Spain by war; 1898; 3,600 sq. m. PHILIPPINES from Spain by war; 1898; purchase price \$20,000,000; 120,000 sq. m.

Famous Giants—Goliath, Palestine, 11 feet high; Galbara, Rome, 9 feet, 9 inches; John Middleton, England, 9 feet, 3 inches; "Frederick's Swede," Sweden, 8 feet, 4 inches; Cujanus, Finland, 7 feet, 9 inches; Gilly, Tyrol, 8 feet, 1 inch; Patrick Cotter, Cork, 8 feet, 7 inches; Chang Gow, Pekin, 7 feet, 8 inches.



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DR. E. N. COON'S RESIDENCE.



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The Tabor House is owned and conducted by John Coye, whose popularity as a landlord has given it a high reputation and a large business among the commercial men. For several years Mr. Coye conducted a cafe and became widely acquainted in DeRuyter and vicinity as well as with the traveling public so that when it was announced that he had taken the Tabor House the traveling public had reason to be well pleased. A large livery is conducted in connection with the house. Mr. Coye has a very promising pacer which has developed surprising speed at private trials on the DeRuyter track and which there is reason to believe, from an actual test in a mile heat, will score an exceptionally fast record. The Tabor House occupies the site of the first hotel in the village, which was built of logs by Daniel Page in 1800, who was succeeded by various land-

lords and was finally, in 1849, rebuilt by Abijah Annas. Two years later it was rented to Guest & Harris and two years after that to Gilson & Warfield. The latter was succeeded by Henry Marsh, each occupying the house three years. In 1859 it was sold to J. W. Clark who disposed of it in 1864 to Gilbert Tabor. Then the name was changed from the Annas to the Tabor House. In 1879 it passed into the hands of I. M. Judd and three years ago became the property of Mr. Coye. This is a favorite house for parties who desire to enjoy the excellent bass, pickerel and trout fishing near by. They are well taken care of and placed on the best fishing grounds fully supplied with all of a fisherman's paraphernalia.

Great Waterfalls—Krimbs Falls, upper Prinze-gan river, 1,148 feet high; Verme Foss, Scandanavia 984 feet; Vettis Foss, Scandanavia, 853 feet; Rjuken Foss, Scandanavia, 804 feet; Velmo



ELDORADO, John Coye's Pacer.
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Falls, 591 feet; Tessa Falls, 541 feet; Gastein Falls, 469 feet; Skjaggedal Falls, 424 feet; Victoria Falls, Zambezi river, 391 feet; Niagara Falls, 177 feet.



Benjamin Photo. THE TABOR HOUSE, John Coye, Prop.

Tioughnioga Lake is one of the best fishing waters in central New York. Black bass and pickerel are caught in abundance. It is an artificial reservoir made to feed the canal system. The dam at the north end is a splendid piece of masonry which compares favorably with the largest. The lake, at high water, covers an area of 600 acres and encloses two pretty islands which are favorite summer camping places. Some of the DeRuyter people own cottages built on the lake shore. The short ride from Syracuse makes it a desirable place for fishing parties. At DeRuyter Coye's hotel will furnish conveyances to the shores of the lake.



Benjamin Photo. H. C. BLANCHARD.

H. C. Blanchard, the only exclusive dealer in men's and boy's apparel in DeRuyter, founded the business in 1894 in company with W. P. Campbell, of Wolcott, in the store where he is now located, but he bought him out two years later and has since conducted the business alone. Mr. Blanchard carries a much larger and better stock than is customary in such a store located in a place the size of DeRuyter, as he has not only a widely distributed patronage but he sells largely to a class who demand the best and latest clothing, underwear, hats and caps, boots and shoes and gentlemen's furnishings. His father, Levi Blanchard, was born in the town of Cuyler, May 21, 1816, and was engaged for years in the manufacture of wagons in that village, and in speculation in butter and cheese. In 1860 he moved to DeRuyter where he constructed a wagon repair shop and carried on that work down to the time of his death, in the spring of 1886. Prominent as he was in local matters, he was more particularly active in keeping up an efficient fire company of which he was foreman for many years. His children were Ella J. (Mrs. Charles Beekman,) Orrington M. and Harry C., at present residents of DeRuyter, DeForest Blanchard, proprietor of the *Cincinnatus Times*, and Silas D., telegraph operator at Brockwayville, Pa. The Blanchards were one of the oldest families in Cuyler. Early in the present century William, the grand-

father of the above named, came from the eastern states and cleared a farm on the hill above Kinney Settlement in what was then the town of Fabius, and is now a part of Cuyler, but some years later he moved down into the valley and located on a farm on the Truxton road about a mile south of Cuyler village. He was born in Windham, Ct., Nov. 13, 1772, and was married to Hannah Whitmarsh Feb. 22, 1797, which was the time he settled in this section. He died Sept. 16, 1854, and his wife, Oct. 21, 1844. Harry C. Blanchard was born in Cuyler Feb. 7, 1840. In 1859 he entered a commission store in New York City where he remained but a few months. For twenty-two years he followed the trade of a barber, most of which time he conducted a shop in DeRuyter. On Jan. 9, 1866, he married Louesie M., the daughter of Archibald Griffiths, of DeRuyter. Mr. Blanchard has been successful in business, and has invested considerably in village property. In his younger years he interested himself in amateur dramatic companies and became well known in this section of the state in connection with the several different local traveling organizations in which he was interested. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the F. & A. M., the lodge and chapter, the A. O. U. W. and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The building in which his store and residence are located he purchased in 1893.

Well Known DeRuyter People, (living or dead)—Lyman J. Gage, once secretary of the treasury; A. G. Richmond, paying teller in the U. S. treasury, 1862-'5; Ezra Cornell, founder of Cornell University; Thomas Nye, ex-state senator; Dennison York, "father of patent medicines;" Frederick Worth, teller of the Park National Bank, N. Y.; Ira Gage Barnes, banker, Syracuse; Henry C. Main, editor Rochester Democrat and Chronicle; Daniel Scott, showman; Henry Bentley, lawyer, Booneville; Frank Wells, dentist, Plainfield, N. J.; Charles Farrington, druggist, New York; Dr. Ira Spencer, physician; Dr. Russell Ballou; Charles H. Maxon, Presbyterian school board.



Benjamin Photo. RESIDENCE AND STORE OF H. C. BLANCHARD.



THE WAGON SHOP OF O. M. BLANCHARD.
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O. M. Blanchard has been engaged in the manufacture of all kinds of wagons since 1883, at which time he succeeded to the business his father had carried on for years at the same place. In 1884 he bought the blacksmith shop adjoining of L. M. Vincent. There are wagons now in use all over this section which were manufactured several years ago by Mr. Blanchard and they have shown by wear, durability equal to any wagon in the market. Mr. Blanchard was born Feb. 14, 1850, in Cuyler. He was first engaged in house painting and afterwards wagon making. On Aug. 21, 1870, he was married to Sarah E., daughter of Rial Schellinger of Truxton. Their children are George Blanchard of New York, and Grace D. (Mrs. W. H. Hardie) and Harry B., of DeRuyter. Mr. Blanchard is a Republican and occupies the position of constable, which he has held for twenty years. He was one of the trustees of the village who are entitled to credit for putting in the water system.

Old Time Lawyers—So far as is learned, Abram Payne was the first lawyer in DeRuyter, coming here in 1823. Martin P. Sweet next opened an office here, and Lorenzo Sherwood, afterwards a practicing lawyer here and later in Hamilton, finished his studies in Sweet's office. The latter was succeeded by Zadock T. Bentley and George W. Stone—Bentley & Stone—Lorenzo Sherwood about the same time forming a business connection with his brother Luman. Both firms broke up about 1840, the first by the death of Stone, and

the other by the removal of Lorenzo Sherwood to Hamilton. Bentley became a brigadier general in the New York state militia in 1850, and was a prominent supporter of the Union cause during the rebellion. He moved to Morrisville, then Oneida, where he died in 1870. A. V. Bentley, his brother, became prominent as an adviser. His health broke down and he became a justice of the peace, which office he held for twenty-five years, doing considerable law office work and but little active practice. David J. Mitchell and Henry C. Goodwin, who, upon their admission to practice, entered into co-partnership at Hamilton, were students in A. V. Bentley's office. A. Scott Sloan and H. C. Miner next appear as the best known lawyers in DeRuyter. D. O. Mitchell, father of our present postmaster, studied with Miner & Sloan. The latter firm afterwards became Miner & Kern, Mr. Sloan moving west and Lambert T. Kern coming to DeRuyter from Morrisville.

Messrs. Miner and Kern later on separated, and

both practiced law in DeRuyter to the time of their deaths. Sidney T. Holmes began practice here about 1864.

The Spring House

—Two miles north of DeRuyter, was once a favorite resort. It was owned by John Comstock. A part of the building now forms a section of John Carey's farm house. Sulphur water and huge swings once offered attractions for many visitors. Nothing now remains of the grand-

eur that once made this a favorite summer resort.



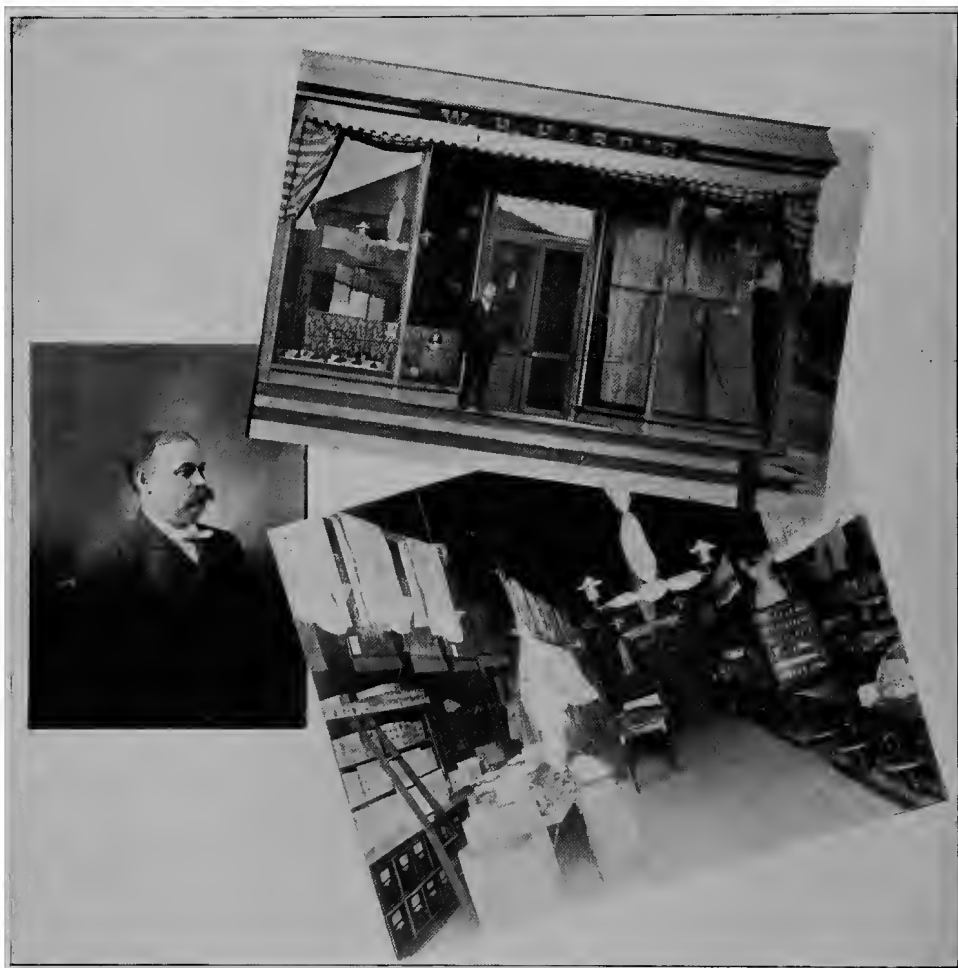
THE RESIDENCE OF O. M. BLANCHARD.
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THE RESIDENCE OF S. A. SEAMAN.
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Wm. H. Hardie, who carries on the oldest dry goods store in DeRuyter, started the business in March, 1894, at which time he located in his present quarters, the corner store in the Russell block. Mr. Hardie came to DeRuyter in 1894 from Camden, N. Y., where he was head salesman for a large dry goods house for a number of years. In equipping his store he made the best selections in staple and fancy lines and has since kept up the character and variety of goods for which the business is noted. It comprises everything in the dry goods branch of trade including dress goods,

Greatest Fires—London, Sept. 2-6, 1666, 13,200 residences and 89 churches and public buildings destroyed. New York, Dec. 16, 1835, 600 buildings; loss \$20,000,000. Pittsburg, April 10, 1845, 1,000 buildings; loss \$6,000,000. Philadelphia, July 9, 1850, 350 buildings; loss \$1,500,000; St. Louis, May 4, 1851, loss \$15,000,000. San Francisco, May 3-5, 1851, 2,500 buildings; loss \$3,500,000. Santiago, Spain, Dec. 8, 1863, 2,000 persons killed. Portland, Me., July 4, 1866; loss \$15,000,000. Chicago, Oct. 8 and 9, 1871, 1745 buildings destroyed; three and one-half square



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W. H. HARDIE'S DRY GOODS STORE.

hosiery, everything in ladies' and children's wear, carpets, wallpaper, boots and shoes and rubber goods, upholsteries, etc. The store is large and roomy and well lighted. It is peculiarly well arranged to display goods. Mr. Hardie was born at Johnstown, N. Y., and educated in the common schools in Gouverneur, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y. He was engaged in mercantile trade in Antwerp and afterwards in Camden, N. Y., coming from the latter place to DeRuyter as has been stated. On Feb. 9, 1898, he was married to Grace, the daughter of O. M. Blanchard of DeRuyter. He is a member of the Rome Commandery, Knights Templars, No. 45, and the Camden lodge, F. & A. M.

miles of ruins; 200 persons killed; 98,500 made homeless. Boston, Nov. 9-11, 1872, 800 buildings; loss 73,000,000; 15 persons killed. St. Johns, N. B., June 21, 1876, loss \$12,500,000. Brooklyn theatre, Dec. 5, 1876; 300 lives lost. Seattle and Spokane, Wash., 1881; loss \$10,000,000 each.

Mountains, New York—Altitude and locality, viz:—**ADIRONDACKS**:—Marcy, 5,467 feet, McIntyre, 5,183, McMartin, 5,000, and Dial (Nipple), 4,600 in Essex county; White Face, 4,855. Clinton county; Seward, 4,000, Franklin county. **CATSKILLS**:—Round Top, 3,804, High Peak, 3,718, Pine Orchard, 3,000, Greene county; Shawangunk, 1,866, Orange county. **HIGHLANDS**, Orange and Putnam counties:—New Beacon (Grand Sachem)

1,685, Butter Hill, 1,520, Old Beacon, 1,471, Breakneck, 1,187, Anthony's Nose, 1,128. ISOLATED:—Defiance, (near Ticonderoga) 750, Essex county; Palisades, 550, Rockland Co.; Fort Putnam (near West Point, 500, Orange Co.; Harbor Hill, 319, Long Island; Richmond Hill, Staten Island, 307.

Frank M. Russell, one of the leading merchants of the village, bought out David Dingman's stock of groceries and drugs which were then in the Merchant building on the southwest corner of Cortland and Lincklaen streets, May 7, 1887. The stock was put in about a year before that by J. W. Stillman, who in turn had sold out

the same spring (see "Fire of '90" on another page), by E. R. Smith, from whom the present owner bought it. Both stores accommodate a large stock of goods. Mr. Russell, who occupies the east store, carries a complete line of general merchandise — groceries, silverware, jewelry, crockery, hardware and fancy goods and his trade comes in from a wide stretch of adjacent country. It is largely on a cash basis and in the success he has achieved, is demonstrated the flourishing condition of the village and farming community, as well as the thrift and business acumen he possesses. Mr. Russell was born in Lincklaen, N. Y., July 23, 1854, and was the son of a farmer,



**F. M. RUSSELL.
THE RUSSELL BLOCK.**

**F. M. RUSSELL'S RESIDENCE.
F. M. RUSSELL'S GENERAL STORE.**

to Mr. Dingman; and Mr. Russell had been in the employ of the latter five or six months when he bought him out. Mr. Russell bought the Russell block in February, 1894, and moved into it with his business in March of the same year. It is the largest business block in the village, a frame structure, two stories and mansard, occupying the central business location of the town. By making some changes in the interior plans of the building it is made to accommodate two large stores with spacious and attractive dwelling apartments, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell, on the second floor, and lodge rooms on the third. The building was constructed in the summer of 1890 on the site of the old Merchant block, which was burned

Allen J. Russell, who moved to DeRuyter when his son was 5 years old. He was born at Quaker Basin and was descended from Quakers. His mother, Wealthy Russell, was a ministering Friend of considerable renown. Mr. Russell attended the district schools and DeRuyter academy, and when 18 years of age went into the store of Annas & Lewis, where he remained for one year, and afterwards was engaged in different mercantile establishments up to the time he went into business for himself. He was married to Achsa Brown, of DeRuyter, in 1882. During the present year he bought the Spear property, next north of the Tabor House, and erected a large and pretty residence.

Muller Chateau—Inhabited, but rusty with age and needy in repairs, clapboards black and weather-worn, loose and broken and gashed and patched, stands in one of the most isolated spots of Madison county, the former chateau of King Charles X, of France. When the revolutionists cut off the head of Louis XVI, his younger brother, Comte d'Artois, fled to Holyrood, where his plottings against Napoleon ended in his pursuing the flight to New York. There, as Louis Anathe Muller, he wedded a Stuyvesant with whom he resumed his journey to the interior, accompanied by a retinue of attendants including his personal friend and physician, Pietrow, and his body-servants whom he brought from France. From

struction of saw and grist mills and a village a mile below the chateau, all of which have now disappeared. In May, 1814, he sailed for France, returning two years later to sell the estate which in his absence had been despoiled and stripped of its costly furnishings. Then he deserted his family in New York and a few years later, ascended the throne of France as King Charles X. In 1836, he died at Goritz, Austria, an exiled monarch.

After standing empty for years, the house is again occupied by George Shaw and his son, Frank, who in 1899, bought the place including 600 acres, for \$1,000. On the cleared plateau, standing broadside 300 yards above the highway,

in 300 acres of clearing surrounded by woods, is the old chateau with its wide, easy-sloping roof and embrasured windows. The interior plan is unchanged, except that only one fireplace remains. The building is remarkable for its size and the massive timbers used in constructing the frame work. The length between walls, by measurement in the second story where there are no partitions is 70x30 feet 6 inches. The height from the same floor to the peak is 11 feet and to the unceiled timbers, 7 feet. The frame consists of black cherry timbers dovetailed together and fastened with wooden pins, 11 feet high and 8½ inches thick. The supporting timbers are hemlock and the joists beech. The first floor is hard wood finish and the second pine. No part of the construction is changed except where the clapboards have been renewed. The main hall is 9 feet wide and 30 feet long. The height of the lower rooms is 8 feet 10 inches. The rooms are all large, the kitchen being 21x20 feet.

Hundreds of visitors call annually, and greatly enjoy the grand prospect of valleys and summits to be seen from the house,

carrying away pieces of timber, and nails for relics. People yet living, whose fathers were employed by Muller, tell of his strange midnight vigils and his eager yearning for foreign news, which he frequently received in huge packets brought by mounted messengers. They repeat weird and tragic tales connected with the mysterious disappearance of a peddler, and a well in the cellar, which is still intact and which was supposed to be connected with underground passages.

The First Tavern was built in 1795 on the farm now owned and occupied by Dell Lewis. It was known as the Messenger house, after the builder and proprietor, Joseph Messenger.



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KING CHARLES X (FRANCE) ALIAS MULLER, THE REFUGEE.

Hamilton the supplies were carried back into Georgetown over bridle tracks. In that manner were brought in the bricks for the chimneys and the marble mantels, as well as costly furniture, tapestries and bric-a-brac with which the chateau was abundantly furnished; also immense andirons and marble slabs for seven great fireplaces. On the wooded heights overlooking the village of Georgetown, then a huddle of slab houses, Muller divided his time between supervising the work of artisans and laborers employed to make a clearing, erect the chateau and build parks, drives and fish ponds, and hunting or riding about accompanied by his wife, Adaline, looking over an estate of 2,700 acres and superintending the con-

The Builders of DeRuyter.

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| 1.—Elmer D. Jencks. | 11.—Aaron Mitchell. |
| 2.—Mrs. Col. Jencks. | 12.—Allen Russell. |
| 3.—Abram Hart. | 13.—Wealthy Russell. |
| 4.—George Hull. | 14.—Col. R. P. York. |
| 5.—Simeon Rider. | 15.—Levi Blanchard. |
| 6.—J. R. Rider. | 16.—Jason B. Wells. |
| 7.—Zenas Rider. | 17.—Wm. Delamater. |
| 8.—Daniel Q. Mitchell. | 18.—H. C. Miner. |
| 9.—LeRoy H. Howes. | 19.—Lambert B. Kern. |
| 10.—A. N. Annas. | 20.—H. I. Newitt. |

Helmont, 1600-1625; glass, Phœnicians; gunpowder, Barthold Schwarz, 1320; kaleidoscope, David Brewster, 1814; lightning conductor, Benjamin Franklin, 1752; lithography, Alois Senefelder, 1798; locomotive, Watt, 1759; matches, Walker, 1827; Microscope, Zacharius Jansen, 1590; organ, Archimedes and Cetesibius, 220-100 B. C.; phonograph, Thomas A. Edison, 1877; photography, Thomas Wedgewood, 1802; piano forte, Bartolommeo Christofall, 1714; pneumatic railway, Henry Pinkus, 1835; stocking frame, William

Lee, 1589; printing, Johann Guttenberg, 1438; railroad, Beaumont, 1672; ruling machine, by a Hollander, subsequently improved by Paine, Woodmason and Brown, 1782; steamboat, Robert Fulton, 1807; steam engine, James Watt, 1763; sewing machine, Elias Howe, 1841; telegraph, Samuel F. B. Morse, 1837; telephone, Elisha Gray, A. Graham Bell, A. C. Dolbear, and Thomas A. Edison, 1877; torpedo, David Bushnell, 1777; telescope, Hans Lippersheim, Jacob Adriansz, 1608; thermometer, Dredbell Sanctorus, 1609; watch said to have been first invented at Nuremberg, 1477, although it is affirmed that Robert King of Scotland had a watch about 1310; spring watches have been ascribed to Dr. Hooke and by some to Huyghens about 1658, original watch to Graham about 1724, and the repeating watch to Barlowe, 1676.

Distances from New York by Water, viz.—

Amsterdam, 3,510; Athens, Greece, 4,640; Batavia, Java, 12,180; Bremen, 3,800; Bermuda, 660; Bombay, 11,574; Boston, 310; Buenos Ayres, 7,110; Calcutta, 12,425; Cadiz, 3,120; Canton, 14,090; Cape Horn, 8,115; Cape of Good Hope, 6,830; Cape Race, 1,000; Cape Town, 6,800; Constantinople, 5,140; Charleston, 750; Columbia River, 15,965; Cronstadt, 4,662; Dublin, 3,225; Gibraltar, 3,300; Genoa, 4,065; Greenland, 1,780; Halifax, 612; Havana, 1,170; Hamburg, 3,775; Havre, 3,210; Hong Kong, 14,015; Honolulu, 13,530; Key West, 1,107; Kingston, Jamaica, 1,640; Lima, 11,310; Lisbon, 2,940; Liverpool, 3,210; London, 3,375; Madras, 11,850; Manilla, 13,700; Marseilles, 3,900; Melbourne, 12,720;

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THE MILLER CHATEAU, near DeRuyter.



Inventors—Air gun, Marin, 1595; air pump, Otto VanGuericke, 654; anchor, Anacharsis, 594 B. C.; barometer, Evangelista Torricelli, 1783; bellows, Anacharsis the Scythian, 593 B. C.; camera obscura, Roger Bacon, 1297; camera lucida, Dr. Hooke, 1635-1703; cannon, Chinese, 618 B. C.; clock, first erected in Padua, 11th century; compass, Chinese, 1115 B. C.; cotton gin, Eli Whitney, 1793; dial, Anaximander, 550 B. C.; electric light, Sir Humphrey Davy, 1813; electrotypes, Spencer and Jacobi, 1837; engraving, Chinese, 1000 B. C.; fire engine, Hautsch, 1657; gas, Van

Mexico, 2,150; Nassau, W. I., 957; Naples, 4,330; New Orleans, 2,045; Panama, 2,358; Pensacola, 1,591; Port au Prince, 1,460; Pekin, 15,325; Philadelphia, 240; Quebec, 567; Rio Grande, 1,938; Rio Janeiro, 3,840; Shanghai, 14,500; Sitka, Alaska (ss. from San Francisco) 1,500; Smyrna, 4,935; Stockholm, 4,272; Sidney, 12,910; San Francisco, 15,858; St. Domingo, 1,495; St. Petersburg, 4,420; Tahiti, 11,244; Trieste, 4,960; Valparaiso, 8,720; Venice, 4,950; Vera Cruz, 1,965; Washington, 400.

Famous Dwarfs—Count Borowlaski, Warsaw, 39 inches high; Tom Thumb (Charles S. Stratton) New York, 31 inches. Mrs. Tom Thumb, New York, 32 inches; Che-Mah, China, 25 inches; Lucia Zarate, Mexico, 20 inches; General Mite, New York, 21 inches.

Water, Size of Large Bodies—Pacific Ocean, 80,000,000 sq. miles; Atlantic, 40,000,000; Indian, 20,000,000; Southern, 10,000,000; Arctic, 5,000,000. **SEAS (length)**—Mediterranean, 2,000; Carribean, 1800; China, 1,700; Red, 1,400; Japan, 1,000; Black, 932; Caspian, 640; Baltic, 600; Okhotsk, 600; White, 450; Aral, 250. **BAYS, (length)**—Hudson, 1,200; Baffins, 600; Chesapeake, 250. **LAKES**—Superior, 380 long, 120 wide; Baikal, 360 by 35; Michigan, 330 by 60; Great Slave, 300 by 45; Huron, 250 by 90; Winnipeg, 240 by 40; Erie, 270 by 50; Athabaska, 200 by 20; Ontario, 180 by 40; Maracaybo, 150 by 60; Great Bear, 150 by 40; Ladago, 125 by 75; Champlain, 125 by 12; Nicaragua, 120 by 40; Lake of the Woods, 70 by 25; Geneva, 50 by 10; Cayuga, 36 by 4; George, 36 by 3.

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